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Ontario Premier William Davis (left) congratulates Murray Koffler at the official opening of the new facilities at the Northern YM-YWHA in Toronto which includes the Koffler Centre for the Arts. Cathy Davis (between the men) joins in the applause Sunday along with Marvelle Koffler (right).

(David Groskind photograph)

Dissident charged with treason

Lawyer retained to aid Scharansky

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —
The case of dissident Anatoly Scharansky, charged with treason last week, is the gravest test of human rights in the Soviet Union since the days of Stalin, says a Toronto lawyer retained to assist the activist.

Joe Pomerant, who has already applied for a visa to visit Moscow, says the plight of the 29-year-old computer specialist, is symbolic of the inevitable conflict between American and Russian political aspirations — with a Jew the scapegoat.

"Probably for the next 10-15 years, two huge political clouds will be on a collision course...the Russians have an enormous desperation to keep people in line, while the Americans have an equally great desperation to live up to the principles of a democratic society."

Scharansky, whose sentence carries the maximum penalty of death and a minimum of 10 years imprisonment, has been under arrest since March 15 after the government newspaper Izvestia charged that he and other Jewish activists were recruited by American diplomats for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Pomerant, a leading Canadian criminal lawyer, was retained by Toronto relatives of the human rights activist, as well as the Canadian Committee of Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry and the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry. He is donating his services.

The lawyer, irked by the lack of interest displayed by Ottawa in the case, said he would "be delighted to see the Canadian government get off its ass" and publicly confront the injustice. Quiet diplomacy is not valid, he argued, "when the fire is raging."

He said spokesmen at the Department of External Affairs said they would raise the issue at the forthcoming international discussion in Belgrade reviewing the Helsinki accord.

"Public outcry," noted Pomerant, "is the only technique the Soviet Union has no capacity to control in their charade of justice. They can't control the world-wide dissemination of something that is quite a surprise to the Soviet Union — called the truth."

(Demonstrators, led by the Toronto Group of 35, gathered Tuesday at Nathan Phillips Sq. to protest the treason charge. Carrying placards, the protestors, some in prison garb, included academics Profs. Zev Friedman and Jacques Kornberg of the University of Toronto; Michael Brown of York, and a group of doctors who rallied behind the case of dissident Dr. Mikhail Shtern.)

Pomerant agrees with the assessment that the case is a likely indicator of the Soviet attitude toward President Carter's shift in tactics toward human rights. Observers feel clemency may be viewed as a positive response

Anatoly Scharansky

to the president's tempering of remarks on the issue.

Although the defence counsellor has been able to contact Scharansky's wife, who is living in Israel, he has been unsuccessful in reaching his parents in the Soviet Union. Pressure has continued on dissidents. American diplomats have been harassed and correspondents are being smeared in a propaganda campaign designed to dampen the activist movement.

The Toronto lawyer, who has been examining Soviet jurisprudence with a colleague in his firm, Eric Gertner, said Russian trials are stacked against defendants and are reduced to "intellectual screaming and raging.

"Counsel in these cases are not designed to advocate innocence, but are only designed to firm the allegations of the state," he added, noting that Russian lawyers themselves face charges if they plead not guilty.

To date, the Russians have never allowed a foreign solicitor to defend natives in court trials, although in rare instances briefs or petitions have been offered by intermediaries.

Pomerant, senior partner in the firm Pomerant and Devlin, and best known for his defence of Hungarian Peter Demeter in a sensational murder trial here, has international courtroom experience. At the moment, no other lawyer is involved in the West on the Scharansky case.

The treason charge against the Russian Jew dramatizes the campaign by the KGB in the last year to eliminate dissidents. Refusenik Josef Begun has been sentenced to two years of Siberian exile for "parasitism", when he lost his job upon applying for an exit visa.

The USSR put a ban on matzah shipments, moved to disrupt a cultural seminar organized by Jewish dissidents last December, and released a spate of virulent anti-Semitic newspaper articles, movies and television programs.

Scharansky has been charged under article 64 of the Criminal Code, which names under a variety of forms of treason "rendering aid to a foreign state in carrying out hostile activity."

A close associate of Nobel laureate and physicist Andrei Sakharov, the young mathematician is said to be the first in the mainstream of the dissident movement to be accused of treason.

Generations are spanned at dedication of 'Y' facilities

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO —
A sense of continuity of this city's Jewish community pervaded the dedication ceremony of the new facilities of the Northern YM/YWHA, as the generations joined hands in congratulations.

Wilfred Posluns, president of the 'Y', was visibly moved as he called upon his father, Louis, who had been president of the 'Y' in 1936.

The elder Posluns had played a role in the building of the Brunswick 'Y', which his son emulated with the newest facilities.

Louis Posluns then presented his youngest grandchild, David, with a mezuzah which will grace the doorpost of the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Samuel Granatstein, the man who led the far-sighted few who fought to buy the land for the northern site, presented a mezuzah to Murray and Marvelle Koffler for installation on the entrance to the Koffler Centre for the Arts.

H. Max Schwartz, instrumental in the 1962 construction of the original northern building, presented two mezuzahs for the physical education wings to Alex Tobias, chairman of the northern building when the completion program was initiated.

The occasion opened a week of celebration which features architect Buckminster Fuller, the National Ballet of Canada, athlete Abby Hoffman, soprano Lois Marshall, and New York art curator Henry Geldzahler, at various events showcased in the new facilities.

The $6.5 million complex consists of the Koffler Centre for the Arts, containing art, ceramics, dance and music studios, and the 450-seat Leah Posluns Theatre, with five dressing rooms, lab theatre, scene and costume shops, and an ampitheatre.

The physical education wings feature judo areas, squash courts, saunas, and modern equipment.

Before an overflow crowd in the Leah Posluns Theatre, volunteers responsible for the construction of the new wings shared the stage with such notables as Ontario Premier William Davis, the guest speaker; Secretary of State John Roberts, Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry, Shmuel Ovnat, consul general of Israel, Robert D. Johnston, provincial deputy minister of culture and recreation, Paul Godfrey, Metro chairman, and North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

The premier, who had turned the first sod two years ago, expressed delight with the fruits of his labor.

He congratulated 'Y' members on "the commitment which you have made to this building, which I agree is more than bricks and mortar."

Stressing the role of the 'Y' in providing positive values for young people, he remarked: "You can't help realizing how important it is that there is a continued acceptance of the traditions that made this province what it is."

Davis expressed his pleasure in the partnership between the government and the volunteer community which led to the accomplishment of the 'Y' goals.

"While government does have a responsibility, when the day comes that government must do everything for each and every one of us, we will have lost something very important. The more government gives assistance to people who want to do things for themselves, the better off we will be."

After Harold Green, chairman of the construction committee, handed the master key to John Wahl, chairman of the board, the expressions of gratitude began.

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Election of Likud's Begin 'delayed reaction' to '73 war

By HARVEY WARREN

TORONTO —
The election of Menachem Begin's Likud party was a delayed reaction to the Yom Kippur War. This is the conclusion of a keen observer of the Israel political scene.

Jacques Torczyner, co-president of the World Union of General Zionists, told 200 people at the Toronto Zionist Council's year-end meeting recently that "what happened on May 17 was the re-reaction to the Yom Kippur War."

He explained the events of 1973 were so rapid and Jews were in such a state of emotional upset that they could not then react and "they didn't know that some of their idols had fallen." He suggested that Israelis answered for themselves the question "Who is responsible for our defeat in 1973?" through the ballot box.

Torczyner, chairman of the ZOA administration board and of the board of directors of the U.S. National Zionist Federation, said the change in government occurred "because the people of Israel were tired of the administrations they had and especially tired of the last few years."

He included labor strikes, corruption in high places and U.S. President Carter's call for a Palestinian homeland as determining factors in the election of a hardline government.

Likud's capture of 52% of the army vote is a sign the young people want a change, he remarked, "and I think

Jacques Torczyner

they got it." They didn't vote for the right, he said, they voted against concessions without peace.

Torczyner, who has been a delegate to every World Zionist Congress since 1946, sees a coalition of Likud, Democratic Movement for Change and the National Religious Party as the most logical government, one he feels will be formed faster than people think.

But after 29 years, he noted, it will be difficult to replace all the ambassadors and civil servants. President Carter can't even find enough Georgians to fill all the jobs in Washington, he joked.

Israelis voted against 40% inflation, for full employment and for free enterprise, Torczyner said. He applauded the Wall Street Journal editorial which linked Likud's victory with a free economy rather than joining the media hysteria over Begin's activities with the Irgun.

He stressed the importance of the coming Histadrut elections, "for if Mapai loses its 55%, then it will be a sign that Israel is heading into a new chapter in its history."

In negotiations, he believes, Begin will get better terms from the Americans than any other government because "if you have a firm position, you achieve something."

Torczyner is afraid the Carter administration will try to mislead the Jewish community and perhaps to divide it. Carter's open door policy may be used to circumvent the pro-Jewish Congress, he warned. He condemned Carter's reception of Saudi Arabia's ruler on the White House lawn and his remark that those two countries have ideals in common. "Which ones?" Torczyner asked rhetorically, "the cutting off the hands of those who steal or the selling of blacks into slavery."

Torczyner referred to speeches made by British prime minister Ramsay MacDonald and Stanley Baldwin in the 1930s calling for a limitation of arms. "They got it," he said, "but Germany didn't follow. We speak now of control of nuclear weapons ...we speak of not sending arms to the Middle East but the Russians will not stop.

"We are reliving the 1930s. We are in a world where some people would like to make of Israel the Czecho-

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'Jewry should adapt' to Quebec situation

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Jews in Quebec must accept the fact that the world they knew as Jews and anglophones in the province has gone and will never return and should make the "necessary planning and adaptation," says Bernard J. Finestone.

In an interview with The Canadian Jewish News after completing his term as president of the Montreal Board of Trade, the outspoken federalist said that Cultural Development Minister Camille Laurin was not being insulting to Jews when he said they will "use their well-known powers of adaptation."

Said Finestone: "We have to coldly, reasonably and unemotionally adapt to the changes that have taken place in Quebec. We don't have to be buffeted by the Parti Quebecois and its policies. It's time we got on with the job."

Finestone firmly believes there is no reason for fear as Jews, that this is not a Jewish problem.

"It depends on what we fear. If it is speaking French, yes there's something to fear. If it is an economic turn downward, yes again. If it is a resurgence of European anti-Semitism, then I think it is a gross calumny on people who are basically decent — the Parti Quebecois. The PQ is less anti-Semitic than most other groups you will encounter."

The possible creeping growth of anti-Semitic feeling

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Colorful parade marks anniversary

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —
Under brilliant sunny skies, Montreal Jewry saluted the 10th anniversary of Jerusalem's unification with a unique blend of multi-colored parade floats, Scottish bagpipers and Mohawk Indian dancers.

The festivities, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, drew hundreds of people to a parade through the Snowdon-Cote des Neiges district and, later, to a community celebration in Mackenzie King Park.

The parade, the scale and sophistication of which surprised many spectators, involved the full spectrum of Jewish organizations, Jewish schools and youth movements. A special float emphasized the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Heading the procession were a number of dignitaries, including CZF Executive Vice-President Dr. Leon Kronitz, who conceived the idea of a Montreal Yom Yerushalayim celebration, and CZF Deputy President Thomas O. Hecht, who chaired the project.

They were followed by the bagpipe and drum corps of Pierrefonds, an enthusiastic group of flag-waving students from the Jewish People's and Peretz Schools and

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Possible showdown between U.S., Israel looms on horizon

JERUSALEM [JTA] —
A possible showdown between Israel and the United States loomed in connection with recent remarks by President Carter and other Administration officials regarding a Middle East peace settlement. Israeli leaders were seriously concerned by Carter's suggestions that Israel's withdrawal to its 1967 borders, a Palestinian homeland and compensation for Palestinian refugees, were incorporated in United Nations resolutions on which future peace negotiations must be based.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon expressed fear at a cabinet meeting that Carter's statements might cause the Arabs to harden their positions. Allon disputed Carter's references to General Assembly resolutions, asserting that the only binding resolutions with regard to a Mideast settlement were Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which do not contain the elements mentioned by Carter.

"The U.S. government has always supported the principles in those resolutions. It is impossible to change those principles unilaterally," he said. He warned that any such change would jeopardize whatever progress has been made so far and the prospects for future progress toward a peace settlement.

(Religious News Service Photo)

Negotiations have been going on for two weeks regarding formation of a new government. While Menachem Begin was in hospital, these men got together. Among them are (facing camera from left) Likud's Simha Ehrlich, National Religious Party leader Josef Burg, and Arye Dulzin of Likud. With their backs to the camera are Yigal Horowitz (left) and Ezer Weizmann, who is slated to be the defence minister in the new government. Other men in photo are unidentified.

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Entertainer Pat Boone, who has led more than 2,000 Christians on pilgrimage tours of Israel, cheers up patient in pediatrics department at Jerusalem's Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre. Dr. Alexander Russell, department head, looks on. The singer came away with praise for the institution. Dr. Norman W. Shaul (left) displays plaque he received this week at Israel Bonds function

Canadians 'adopt' centre

TEL AVIV —

The Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University has adopted the Centre for Ecological Zoology at the university as a Canadian project. The group has pledged to raise $500,000 for the centre.

Cornerstone of the centre was laid recently during the Tel Aviv U board of governors meeting. Edward Lee, Canadian ambassador to Israel, congratulated the Canadian Friends on their contribution. Albert J. Latner of Toronto, national president of Canadian Friends, spoke on behalf of the Canadian delegation present at the ceremony.

The project will enable the transfer of the centre to the Ramat Aviv campus from the present cramped quarters on the university's Jaffa campus. The centre has among the most comprehensive collection of Near Eastern fauna in the world.

The expanded facilities and technological improvements will enable it to become the international centre for research into teaching about fauna of the region, and of all ecological and environmental aspects of animal and, indirectly, human life.

Besides Latner, other Canadians at the board of governors meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tanenbaum and Jack Buchman, all of Toronto and Zeev Vered of Ottawa.

Arab League blacklists contain the names of 1,000 British firms

LONDON [JCNS] —

Something in the region of 1,000 British firms are currently on different Arab League countries' boycott blacklists, it was claimed at the launching of a new campaign to demand government action against the Arab trade boycott.

In a joint memorandum submitted to the prime minister and members of Parliament, Eric Moonman, MP, representing the Zionist Federation, Lord Fisher of Camden, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Fred Worms, honorary president of B'nai B'rith, called for an immediate end to Foreign Office complicity in the boycott and for a change in the advice that the Department of Trade gives to businessmen threatened by the boycott.

The memorandum also contained a 10-point legislative program for countering boycott pressures within the United Kingdom.

At a press conference to launch the campaign, Terence Prittie said that 400 million dollars was the suggested figure being lost by British industry as a result of the boycott.

Both he and the communal leaders involved in the campaign stressed that this specific memorandum was a Jewish initiative, but that the campaign itself was not a Jewish one.

Greville Janner, MP, a member of the newly-formed all-party parliamentary committee to combat the boycott, said, "the boycott is an attack on the freedom of British trade. It is totally immoral and a very pernicious attack on human rights."

Present at the press conference was the Duke of Devonshire, who has a question tabled in the House of Lords on the subject of Soviet Jewry. He pledged that he would use the platform of human rights to widen the issue and speak on the boycott.

Moonman said that it had been extremely difficult to get accurate information on firms that had been discriminated against, particularly as the recommendations of the Central Boycott Office were not binding on every Arab League country.

The campaign leaders have spoken with representatives of the EEC and also of the trades unions in Britain. Prittie said that though it was almost impossible to prove that jobs had been lost or not created because of the boycott, "a major contract such as the Haifa Port was not tendered for by British firms, and that could have given work to British industry."

Labor faces fight in Histadrut election

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

The results of the Knesset elections have cast serious doubt over the prospects for continued Labor Party hegemony in Histadrut, Israel's giant labor federation, which holds its elections on June 21.

Although Labor's Executive Committee approved the nomination of incumbent Yeruham Meshel to stand for re-election as Histadrut secretary general, many Laborites attending the meeting here expressed preference for a stronger man.

With Likud now the largest political party in Israel, Labor faces an uphill fight to retain leadership of the trade union organization and its vast complex of social services and industries. Histadrut embraces union members of every faction, from Likud and religious workers to the Black Panthers and Communists. Its leadership structure, however, has always been a mirror image of the Israeli government and, before that, of the Zionist parties composing the Jewish community in Palestine.

Since Histadrut was founded in 1920, it has been dominated by the Labor Party or Labor's predecessors. Labor is fearful of losing that position to Likud, which is expected to nominate an aggressive Knesset member, Yoram Aridor, for the office of secretary general.

Therefore, many want a candidate more dynamic than Meshel to head its Histadrut election list. On the other hand, concern was voiced that changing leadership so short a time before the elections could spell defeat.

Bureaucrats uneasy over Likud victory

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

"My God, we haven't had Begin out here even once in the last 20 years," the president of a large Israeli public institution vitally dependent on government support exclaimed this week.

He was worried, and justifiably so, when he realized that he and his colleagues lacked contact with Begin and the other Likud right-wingers who will soon be running Israel.

The red carpet had been rolled out time and again for Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres, Yigal Allon, Abba Eban, Golda Meir and even minor figures in the Labor establishment that controlled Israel from 1948 until the May elections. But little attention had been paid to Likud leaders.

Now this institution and others are desperately trying to make up for lost time by showering Likud bigwigs with invitations to participate in intimate dinner parties, attend factory dedications and speak at academic ceremonies. Moreover, even lesser lights in the Likud firmament are being sought out by long-lost friends anxious to establish effective links with the new power structure.

Israel's political earthquake has also caused considerable unease in the upper ranks of the civil service. Some officials — like Foreign Ministry Director-General Shlomo Avineri — have already announced their intention to resign. Others are waiting to see what will happen when the Likud actually takes office.

In theory, most of them have nothing to worry about. Israel's civil service is based on the non-political British model, with even most top officials being chosen on the basis of their professional qualifications and not, as is sometimes the case in the U.S., on the basis of their political loyalties. However, some of the senior civil servants here have become so identified with Labor Alignment policies that they might find it difficult to continue under Likud ministers, particularly in areas like economics, defense and foreign policy where radical departures in approach can be expected.

On the only other occasion when Likud leaders took over various ministries — during the 1967-69 government of national unity — they made very few changes in personnel. And at this time they are also likely to move cautiously in order to avoid alienating the top civil servants and other elements in Israel's educated elite whose support they will require if they are to succeed in running the country.

They certainly didn't enjoy much support in the elections. The Likud was voted into office primarily by the residents of the poorer neighborhoods, most of them Oriental Jews with limited education. In such areas the Likud polled over 50% of the vote as compared to 16-17% for the runner-up Labor. On the other hand, in prosperous neighborhoods inhabited largely by well-educated Jews of European origin, the Likud actually won fewer votes this year than it did in the 1973 elections, as many of its supporters turned instead to the centrist Democratic Movement for Change.

This means that the Likud will be anxious to cultivate those elements, just as those elements will be anxious to cultivate the Likud.

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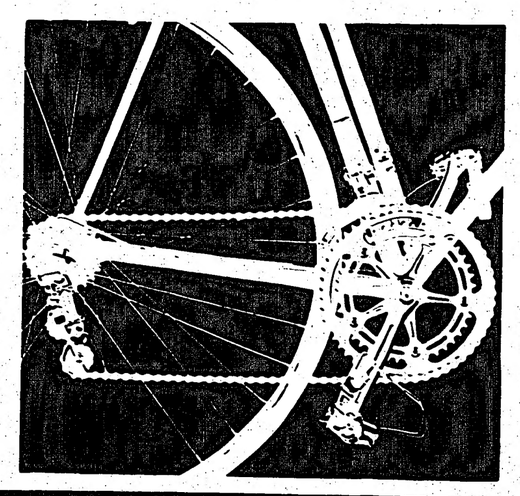

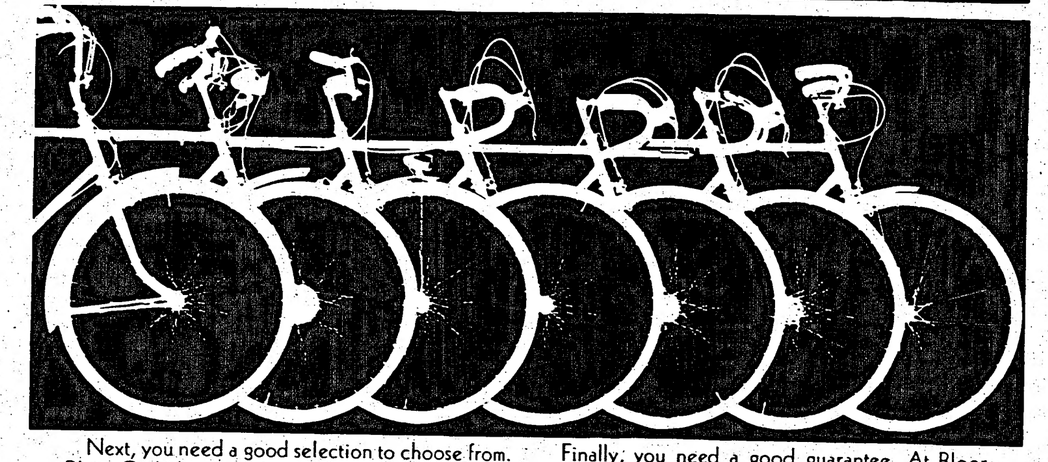

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Ontario Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon (left) walks into banquet of the National Council of Jewish Women with organization past president, Dorothy Reitman. Behind them are their husbands, Donald McGibbon and Cyril Reitman (right). See other story on MP Simma Holt's address to NCJW convention on page 10.

Marjorie Blankstein new NCJW president

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —
In a moving ceremony during a banquet at Toronto's Inn on the Park, Marjorie Blankstein of Winnipeg was installed as National Council of Jewish Women new national president by her mother, Rose Rady (an honorary board member).

The event occurred at the organization's 19th biennial convention and Toronto chapter's 80th anniversary last week.

Installed with Mrs. Blankstein were the following officers: vice-presidents Helen Marr, Toronto, Bunny Gurvey, Winnipeg, Eva Goldenberg, London and Ethel Fried, Edmonton; treasurer, Ray Rosenberg, Hamilton; recording secretary, Frances Olin, Toronto; administrative secretary, Evelyn Bernstein, Toronto; and councillors Ruth Carnat, Calgary, Cheryl Friedenthal, Edmonton, Anne Singer, London, Edith Teitelbaum, Montreal, Vivian Caplan, Ottawa, Sharon Balick, Toronto, Hinda Simkin, Vancouver, and Sharon Wolchock, Winnipeg.

Past presidents of the Toronto section were presented with plaques by Pauline McGibbon, lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

Addressing members and their husbands, the incoming president noted that in the past, women's world was her home; now her home is the world. "She has rights — to be informed about and involved in the community. Judaism teaches us responsibility for ourselves and others. Council teaches us to be effective."

And she paid tribute to Dorothy Reitman, president for the past three years.

Pauline McGibbon recounted how, "for over 35 years of my life I worked as a volunteer, and as a representative of another organization in Toronto met with many of Council's women finding them to be superb, well-trained executives who always made a contribution. They did proud for you!"

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, newly-elected president of Canadian Jewish Congress, enumerated many of Council's endeavors, stressing its emphasis on the needs of the elderly and its strong stand against compulsory retirement. He also warned of difficult and challenging years ahead.

In an obvious reference to the Quebec situation, he said: "The problems have arrived here in Canada, but with people like you in Council, I have hope."

MPP Larry Grossman brought greetings from the government of Ontario.

A history of Toronto Council of Jewish Women from its inception 80 years ago to the present, written by Rosalyn Wosnick, was narrated by Eleanor Borsook. It was in 1897 that the rabbi of Holy Blossom Synagogue invited Mrs. Mendola de Sola to come from Montreal and address a meeting of the Ladies' Montefiore Benevolent Society. At her instigation, a new organization dedicated to faith and humanity through religious education and philanthropy was born. This was the beginning of Council.

Canadian envoy says UN nations regret their votes

WINNIPEG —
William Barton, Canada's permanent representative at the UN, says many of the countries which backed the "Zionism is racism" resolution regret having done so.

"...it was recognized subsequently by a great many delegations who supported that resolution, and although they cannot 'eat crow' and admit it, they are doing the best to down-play it and detach themselves from it. And I think that is a direction which we should encourage them on," he said in a recent interview here with Lawrence Grossman, director of research for the Canada-Israel Committee.

Barton, who serves as president of the Security Council for the month of June, rejected the American concept of "linkage" between economic issues and human rights.

"I think that you have got to be very careful," he explained. "I don't think that you should tie one to the other so inextricably that you cannot move. I don't think that furthers the cause of peace and security and a better world.

"Particularly when you are dealing with some of these very new countries which have very fragile political institutions. It's easy to have abuse of what we would regard as human rights — with the best will in the world."

A native of Winnipeg, Barton, 60, joined the Defence Department after service in the Second World War. In 1954, he moved to the Department of External Affairs on a permanent basis and, in 1961, was posted to the UN as part of the permanent mission there.

He returned there as ambassador in August last year. Canada is a member of the Security Council for 1977 and 1978.

In the interview, the envoy said: "We work on the assumption that the important thing is the human rights of the individual; they would make the point, and I guess the Russians would too, that you have got to think of the human rights of the collectivity, and that the individual, through the exercise of his human rights, should not be permitted to abuse the human rights of the group.

"Now I am not defending that point of view, but I think it is a point of view we should remember, and particularly when we get these countries that are just hanging together by a thread; they do not really know how to run themselves. Things are going to happen that I would be very reluctant to see used as a reason for not helping them."

On the Palestinians, the veteran diplomat said that though Ottawa has not accepted the PLO as their "legitimate spokesman", "this does not mean that they should not be talked to, that Secretary-General (Kurt Waldheim) was not right (in talking) with them" on his recent trip to the Middle East.

Barton also made the point that confrontation at the UN was not necessarily a bad thing. As he put it to Grossman:

"And I could also make the argument that confrontation ...in the UN... adds to the creation of the tension that sometimes tends to be necessary in order to try and move effectively towards solutions. If you think back to the situation, for instance just after 1957, between 1957 and 1967, on the Middle East, we had a situation where we had UNEF (United Nations Emergency Force in the Sinai Peninsula) functioning and there was a great tendency on the part of a lot of people, who should have been interested in pressing for situations, to say 'things are not bad the way they are, we will just let them roll.'

"We have not got that situation now. We have got a series of tense situations coming on all the time which I think by themselves are not decisive, but which add to the clear message to the parties concerned and to the United States that something must be done, and the Soviet Union of course.

"So I can see two sides to the coin. I think that confrontation and tedious debates are an awful bore to sit through, but I think that sometimes they do further a cause."

Excerpts of Barton's comments are to be included in one of the forthcoming issues of the Middle East Digest, the official organ of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Zionist executive decides no elections to Congress

TORONTO [Staff] —
The national executive of the Canadian Zionist Federation has voted unanimously not to hold elections for the 17 delegates to the World Zionist Congress next February.

Member organizations will be notified of the decision and a deadline of June 20 has been set for a response to the motion. CZF President Phil Givens said he is confident "there will be no divisiveness on this issue."

Close to 75 members of all but one of the 12 constituent groups were present to back the decision. "An election," noted Givens in explaining the vote, "would have been too costly and wasteful of energies. Everybody saw the light and the reasonableness of the move under the circumstances."

The delegates to the WZC will be selected according to a complex scheme used for the last international congress.

The weekend executive meeting here, with representatives from across the country, drafted a carefully worded resolution on the Israeli election results, which was again unanimously adopted:

"The CZF hereby proclaims its full support for the new government that will assume power when it gains the confidence of the democratically and constitutionally elected Parliament of Israel," it read in part. "We shall continue to put forth every effort to assist the state in its attempts to achieve a just and lasting peace with its neighbors based on justice, equity and honor."

The resolution, explained Givens, "indicates where the Zionist family stands so that people shouldn't think we're divided." The "family" includes organizations and youth movements representing the entire Israeli political spectrum.

In addition to a review of internal matters, Canada-Israel relations, plans for Israel's 30th anniversary celebration, a report on Canada-Israel Committee activities, the meeting referred to committee study on the issue of the next location of the CZF convention in 1979.

While, the president noted, Israel is the sentimental favorite, the committee will review the cost factor of holding the meeting in a national centre or abroad.

This year's CZF budget remains on a par with last year at $500,000, which fails to keep pace with inflation, said Givens. The federation will tackle the question of program priorities in the next few months.

Already several organizations within the past year cut back plans, particularly in the youth movements' summer camps.

Top Hadassah leaders attend anniversary party

OSHAWA —
The 50th anniversary of the Oshawa Piyah chapter of Hadassah-WIZO was celebrated last Sunday at the Genosha Hotel with a dinner attended by one charter member, Mrs. Dave Kalnitsky, and many former members who returned to Oshawa especially for the occasion.

National president Clara Balinsky and Lily Frank, national executive director, were guests of honor. Nancy Segal, outgoing chapter president, presided at the gala affair which featured a candle lighting ceremony by former chapter presidents, followed by installation of officers with Mrs. Balinsky officiating.

The new slate of officers are: co-presidents, Barbara Shore and Linda Meldrum; first vice-president, Joan Segal; second vice-president, Margot Samuel; treasurer, Cecle Horwich; financial secretary, Anzelda Haas and secretary, Doris Taylor.

The Toronto Hadassah-WIZO choir entertained with Israel and Yiddish songs as the guests danced horas.

'Congress neglects us'

CHATHAM, ONT. —
Murray Berman, treasurer of the Children of Jacob Synagogue here, says his town is neglected by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In a letter to The Canadian Jewish News, Berman writes:

"...we have been neglected by the Canadian Jewish Congress regarding visits to our Hebrew school, aid to fight religious education in our public schools and any assistance of any kind in our community. Someone once called long distance and took a lot of information and was going to send a trailer with some weird kind of indoctrination for we Jews. I think it never got off the ground.

"We do get invited to all kinds of seminars and lectures all across the country, but with only 15 or so active families and a wide divergence in interests and ages, it is hard to get us together for a common goal — except to support Israel.

"We do not even get solicited for Bonds anymore, because the campaigner slighted and insulted one of our members which slighted all of us.

"In any event, we have a new member who called the Congress to ask if there was a community here in Chatham, and was told — NO."

Berman says the community is actively pursuing a Jewish life, but is also looking for new members. As he puts it:

"We are looking for new blood. The old timers that were in business from the 50's and earlier, have either died or moved to larger centres or Florida to be with their families and children who have married and moved out.

"We are a small, fantastic group with amazing people, in a beautiful area. You would be surprised the things that happen or are caused because of a small town action. Somebody out there should get to know us better.

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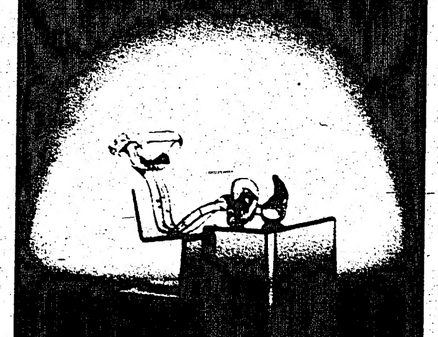

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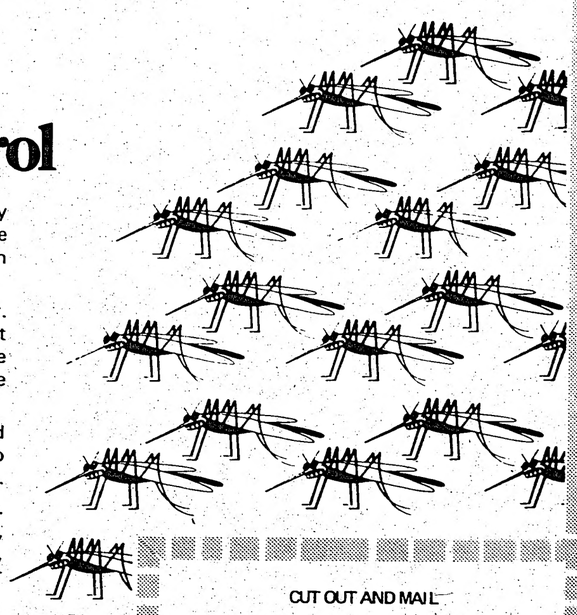

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U.S. Mideast policy

United States policy in the Middle East is unchanged, according to Washington officialdom, but President Carter's recent press conference is causing concern in Jerusalem. If U.S. policy continues within the framework of Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, as the State Department insists, then why did the president talk about compensation and a homeland for Arab refugees? While it is true that his predecessors in the White House based their Mideast policy on Security Council resolutions, these resolutions made no mention of compensation and a homeland for Arab refugees.

President Carter's remarks at the press conference followed four days of talks with Arab leaders, the last being Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia. As Joseph Polakoff wrote in a news analysis for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the president's statements "are now widely viewed as having fashioned broad new dimensions to U.S. policy that are favorable to the Arabs and upsetting to Israel."

When the news agency approached the White House media officials for clarification of the president's remarks, it was stressed that no evidence can be found to support Mr. Carter's statement concerning an Arab homeland and compensation for Arab refugees. The press officials issued a press release in which it was pointed out that a UN General Assembly resolution of November, 1947, provided for recognition of a Jewish and an Arab state. Another resolution a year later endorsed the right of Palestinians to return to their homes or choose compensation.

If the question of compensation to Arab refugees is to be part of a proposed Middle East settlement, then what about compensation for Jews forced to leave Arab countries which confiscated their assets?

Israel's open door policy saw to it that these Jewish refugees from Arab persecution following the 1947 war were given a haven in the Jewish state. Hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees came virtually penniless to Israel. So far there has been no indication that this long-standing injustice will be rectified.

There is some unease in Israeli government circles that President Carter's press conference statements may be interpreted by the Arabs as indicating a softening of Washington's support for Israel, causing them to harden their attitude towards an overall settlement of the issues to be discussed at Geneva.

One fact stands out clearly amid the confusion and puzzlement which developed in the wake of Mr. Carter's remarks; neither resolutions 242 or 338, to which both the U.S. and Israel have been long committed as the only basis for negotiations, requires Israel to give up all occupied Arab territories, allow creation of a Palestinian homeland and agree to compensation for Arab refugees.

Israel has not deviated from this position and there is no reason to believe a new Israeli government with Menachem Begin at its head will view matters differently. The question now being pondered in Jerusalem is whether there has been a shift in U.S. policy. As an honest broker committed to mediating between all parties, the U.S. is on record as rejecting the idea of an imposed peace plan for the Middle East. We believe, despite the current unease in Israeli circles, that Washington will not yield to Arab pressures. There can be no settlement that endangers Israel's right to live, a right bought with the blood of thousands of its citizens.

Noted for his many good works, community leader Nat Hurwich will receive tribute from Bar-Ilan

Story and Drawing
By LOU SELIGSON

TORONTO —

The walls of his TV room are festooned with a dozen bronze medals and framed awards hang side by side along two long walls of the basement recreation room.

On a table and sofa there are even more and Nathan Hurwich pokes through them saying, "I haven't had time to frame and hang them yet."

Hurwich has been collecting these framed expressions of appreciation from almost all of Toronto's Jewish organizations for over 40 years. In those years he worked steadily in campaign after campaign until today he is known as a "warhorse" tested in the day-to-day activity of the Jewish community.

Name any of the city's active organizations and somewhere in the governing committees you are sure to find him represented.

And yet the biggest reward for 68-year-old Nat Hurwich is still to come — when he will get a special tribute at the annual Bar-Ilan dinner on June 20.

John G. Diefenbaker will be there as guest speaker to say kind words about Nat and certainly he will get still another plaque. But with it all will come a unique honor — the establishment at Bar-Ilan University of the Nathan Hurwich Chair in Community Relations.

"That's not bad for a guy who had to leave school at 15 to go to work to help the family," he says. "I only went to night school.

"My zayde, who was the first shoichet in Toronto, would have liked this. He taught me Hebrew and is buried on the Mount of Olives, an honored place in Israel. I feel he left me a great heritage."

Even as he established himself in the auto parts business at 21 and later as jobber and distributor (he retired in 1969), Hurwich began his activity in the community.

He was first drawn to Beth Tzedec Congregation, the synagogue of his father, Ben-Zion, and in 35 years of involvement he held every possible office except the presidency. "I was chairman of the board for five years," he says.

With the establishment of the state of Israel, Hurwich's activity expanded and went into high gear. No campaign, from UJA to Israel Bonds, escaped his participation. In 1969 he received the Ben Gurion Medal and was named Man of the Year.

His older brother, Dr. Samuel Hurwich, went to live in Israel 15 years ago and this simply added to the zest of his activity.

"I've been to Israel 16 times," he says. "But it was only three years ago during Passover that something hit me like a ton of bricks there. I'd visited all the universities there except Bar-Ilan at Ramat Gan and when I did go there I was hit by the difference — in the students, the atmosphere — there was something different there.

"When I investigated I discovered that along with the usual arts and sciences Bar-Ilan emphasized Judaic studies — and this made the difference."

When Nat returned to Toronto, he found that nobody knew much about Bar-Ilan.

"There was nothing there," he says. "So I founded a chapter. I got together a board and they named me president and we held parlor meetings and raised some money. I worked out of my home and the first year we raised $50,000 in cash."

Hurwich and his wife, Roey (for Rose), have been married for 45 years and have no children.

Possibly in compensation, he has been tireless in securing scholarships for needy young students and in the current year has already collected over 150 valued at $1,000 each.

"I'm going to Israel to study Hebrew myself," he says. "Bar-Ilan invited me to take a six-month course and I plan to go. It will be my 17th trip — but this time I will be a student."

Everyman University fills the gaps

By YORAM KESSEL

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

As Israel's seven established universities, sorely hit by inflation and reduced government allocations, face an acute dilemma as to their future, a newcomer has begun to provide answers to some of the needs inadequately catered for in the regular university framework. The new framework is the Everyman University project which aims to fill the much-neglected gap in extra-mural higher education.

It is sponsored by the Rothschild Foundation, which provides the initial financing and maintenance budgets for the first three years, gradually scaling down its backing over a further four years until the government assumes full responsibility.

The project already has the full blessing of the education authorities and the university has the right to award recognized degrees.

"Everyman" is modelled along the lines of Britain's "Open University", but with a number of modifications.

The secretary, Robin Twite, is British, and earlier spent several years in Israel as the British Council representative. The university, he states, provides education to degree level for those not able to study in a regular university framework, particularly teachers who do not have necessary academic qualifications. It spreads higher education to remote areas, thereby drawing in a different type of student population from those at universities, and it experiments in educational techniques.

Although there are no formal qualification requirements, all applicants must be approved by the institute computer's suitability tests. Nearly 2,500 students began studying last autumn and the number has already risen to over 4,000.

COMMENT

Community milestone

Statistical surveys show that compared with other ethnic groups, the birth rate and resulting growth of American and Canadian Jewry stands at zero. At the same time we are periodically informed that our youth, in very large numbers, is becoming alienated from Judaism. This combination of circumstances, if true, would be cause for grave concern for all who are interested in Jewish communal, religious and cultural survival on this continent.

A close look at the scene will reveal that there are many crosscurrents in our life. There is in numerous instances a dissipation of Jewish values, a deeper apathy towards Judaism, a swing in the direction of total assimilation. Side by side with these negative aspects, there is a striving for a more meaningful Jewish existence.

One important beneficial change has occurred during the past several decades. That is a growing, more general recognition of the idea that the key to meaningful Jewish survival in our rapidly changing and challenging environment is a strong system of Jewish education. In order to successfully attain its objectives, such a system should not be limited to the school, but must embrace in partnership, the home, the synagogue, the extra-curricular activities of the students and the community at large.

The Toronto Jewish community has many institutions of which it may well be proud. They render a remarkable variety of valuable services. But all of them depend upon a Jewish clientele, which will be available only if we continue to rear enlightened and responsible Canadian Jews.

That is why the 70th jubilee dinner of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, being celebrated June 13, is particularly significant. For here is a school system which is responsible for the Jewish and general education of more than 2,500 of our youth. It rates our support and encouragement.

This community owes a profound debt of gratitude to the farsighted pioneers of three generations ago who saw fit to establish the school in 1907, to the dedicated lay leaders and professionals who have helped maintain it and keep it functioning today, and to the parents who understand the need and importance of such education for their children.

The educational objective of all good Jewish schools including Associated is to cultivate the elements of Jewishness as an important ingredient in the Jewish child's personality, which will keep the student rooted in the tradition of people, religion and culture. We believe it is possible for a Jew to live creatively on a high level in both cultures, the Canadian and the Jewish.

According to the **Ethics of the Fathers**, the year 70 in the life of a person means "white haired old age". In the case of Associated, we see it as a milestone marking vigorous activity and growth, which we hope will continue into the future.

'Angrier than previous works,' Wiesel's book genre unto itself

By ARNOLD AGES

Elie Wiesel's most recent book, published in France this month, is in many ways uncharacteristic when compared to his earlier books.

The work, a series of biographical vignettes, essays, open letters and incantatory poems, is a genre unto itself. It is also more harsh, one is tempted to say angrier than his previous works.

This is seen especially in his essay entitled "A Plea for the Survivors" in which Wiesel tries to explain the chasm which separates ordinary people from those who underwent the concentration camp experience.

"You should resign yourself to the idea," he writes, "that you will never see what they have seen and what they continue to see now; you will never recognize the faces that haunt their nights; you will never hear the screams that destroy their sleep; you will never penetrate the damned universe that they carry within themselves with a loyalty that is perfect."

Wiesel's thoughts on the survivors are also directed toward the callousness which the latter met both during and after their incarceration. He reports that in the camps those who suffered comforted themselves with the phrase "if only the Allies knew...."

When the war was over and the survivors discovered that the Allies did know, a massive melancholia overtook them and where there was general rejoicing among Europeans there was only despair among the Jewish victims, who continued to ask themselves why they were spared.

"I remember that day," reports Wiesel. "Empty. Empty of happiness, of feeling of emotion. Empty of hope. We did not even have the strength to cry. Some recited the kaddish with an air of absence, to a God that was absent in the name of the absent."

The Jewish community does not escape the author's ire. Not one Jewish doctor came from either New York, Zurich or Tel Aviv to minister to the wants of the survivors when an epidemic ravaged Bergen-Belsen **after** the camp had been liberated.

Not a single rabbi of any persuasion came to the camp to assist the men and women in conducting Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur services. Prayer books were distributed — nothing more. Wiesel also points out with considerable indignation that not one survivor was invited to sit in on the reparations deliberation with West Germany.

And in a burst of rhetorical imagery, the author condemns those who wish to forget the concentration camp past by comparing them to the Jewish Sonderkommandoes of Treblinka who unearthed Jewish corpses to burn them and scatter their ashes to the wind, so that even the memory would be destroyed.

It would be inexact to suggest that the tone of Wiesel's new volume reaches the same pitch in the other sections.

His reminiscences of the French novelist Francois Mauriac, the man who got Wiesel his first literary introduction, are touching. Mauriac was being interviewed by Wiesel, who was then a correspondent for an Israeli paper in Paris. The French writer began to wax eloquent about the religious meaning of Palestine and the association it had in his mind with the death of Jesus.

Wiesel, who had sworn an oath of silence for 10 years about his experiences in the Holocaust, told Mauriac that the Jewish children in the camps had suffered far more than Jesus. The bluntness of Wiesel's rejoinder completely unnerved Mauriac and their dramatic confrontation is recorded by Wiesel with pathos.

The other parts of Wiesel's work deal with appeals to Palestinians, Israelis and young terrorists. His invocations are couched in the language of poetry; they are conciliatory but principled. Wiesel rejects the rationale of those who would seek to divide Jews into Zionists and other categories. He reminds us that the Nazis always distinguished between Jews.

Author Elie Wiesel

Unquestionably the most poignant section of this volume concerns a visit made by Wiesel and his wife Marion to the village of Sighet where Wiesel spent his early life submerged in Chassidic piety. He and his wife visited the house where Wiesel had been raised. Nothing had been touched. The furniture was the same. The nail on which he had placed the portrait of a famous Chassidic rebbe was still there. But now a crucifix hung upon it.

Confronted with this scene, Wiesel realized that everything was the same except that all the Jews were gone. He was overcome by a paroxysm of emotion of such magnitude that his wife had to pull him out of the house. That house is the symbol of the Holocaust and of Elie Wiesel.

Un Juif, Aujourd'hui
By Elie Wiesel
Seuil, 249 pages.

Unprincipled exercise

This newspaper recently published a most ingenuous letter written by a representative of the Canadian Polish Association. The writer called for co-operation from Jews in supporting demands for greater freedom in the Soviet Union.

In his plea for more concerted efforts between Jews and Poles the gentleman in question suggested that allegations of anti-Semitism in pre-war Poland were highly exaggerated and that, anyway, hatred of Jews was widespread during that period.

This assertion, however innocently proferred, must not be permitted to go unchallenged. Re-writing history is a favorite Soviet technique and it would be a shame if, in our struggle with Russian despotism, we succumb to their unprincipled exercises.

Moreover, we insult the memories of our martyred millions when we permit their anguish and suffering to be washed away by mischievous historical revisionism.

Between 1919 and 1939 Poland was probably the world centre of anti-Semitism. True, it existed elsewhere and in 1933 it became government policy in Nazi Germany. But before Hitler, no country fostered anti-Semitism with the degree of malignancy that characterized its expression in Poland.

Through a series of repressive governmental statutes Jews were singled out in Polish society. Roadblocks were continually put in the way of Jewish businessmen and entrepreneurs. Special legislation requiring Jewish-owned firms to advertise the names of their owners was designed to foment anti-Jewish sentiment.

In 1937, Polish universities instituted Jewish benches which had the effect of segregating Jewish students from other Poles. Government policy in this regard was aimed not merely at restricting Jews from the university community but eliminating them completely. By 1939, the famous 'numerus clausus' had virtually become a 'numerus nullus'. Those few Jewish students who made it into the Polish universities were frequently subjected to physical violence and pogroms right on the campus.

Just before the war the Polish government enacted an anti-kashruth statute which would have had the effect of completely eliminating kosher slaughter. Because the war intervened the act never went into effect.

The record of the Polish people during the Holocaust was an undistinguished one. They were neither saints nor devils. There is considerable evidence to suggest, however, that many Poles served as accomplices in the Nazi destruction of European Jewry.

Pogroms against Jews **after** the war in Cracow and other Polish cities furnish further evidence of the extreme callousness that characterized Polish attitudes towards Jews.

We do not rehearse these incidences of Polish anti-Semitism to embitter what might, some day in the future, be a felicitous alliance. We know that millions of Poles also lost their lives in the battle against Hitler.

Any firm coalition that might ensue must be built on a foundation of absolute probity, however. Our memories are deep; they cannot be whisked away.

Dissent isn't permitted in Russian society; people rotting in mind as well as body

By RITA EISENDRATH

NEW YORK —

Reports from Russia vary, depending somewhat on whether the observer is a tourist, journalist, scientific specialist or with a study mission. Differences appear when one speaks to a student who has actually lived there temporarily.

Such was Sheara, a 22-year-old history major from the United States, selected by the American Council of Teachers of Russian as a graduate student at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow for five months. During that time, she participated intensively in Russian language, political and social studies and visited central Asian cities and settlements seldom seen by other westerners.

Having made similar in-depth studies of Israel the previous year and having studied in European and Caribbean countries, Sheara was, perhaps, especially perceptive and aware of areas in the Soviet culture rarely observed by others.

The one "contact" she had took her to a party the first night in Moscow at an apartment "filled with books and articulate people", whom she later discovered were the intellectuals, the "literates". Since they were also dissidents, Sheara's every move was watched from that moment on, and never was she able to discover who, if any, of her fellow-students were informers or members of the KGB.

Although aware of potential anti-Semitism, she found that, generally, it was very subtle. Jobs were harder to get, university entrance requirements more difficult for Jews, but mail and literature from Israel appeared openly in many homes. The Jews she met were mostly the anti-Establishment intelligentsia, but overt anti-Semitism was not evident in her experience academically or socially.

However, when she attended a going-away party for a friend emigrating to Israel where Israeli songs were sung without apparent fear, police raided the home, harassing the guests with questions. Everyone was asked to leave at 20-minute intervals "so that the police couldn't follow". The result for Sheara was that news of her "involvement" again seeped into her academic group.

She found corruption in everything. One Russian student asked her to buy American cigarettes for his professor "to help him pass his exams". Theatre tickets are saved for tourists and the black market as one "trades up" — that is, good meat for tickets, shoes, or other scarcities. The 4-1 ratio for rubles on the black market helps to "buy" passports for $2,500. One man she met bribed someone to change his passport from non-Jew to Jew because he thought it was easier for Jews to get exit visas.

This attitude caused some dislike of Jews among his friends, another form of anti-Semitism.

Commenting on the potential for change, Sheara says, "people are rotting in mind as well as body. Drowned in vodka or drugs to escape the dreariness of everyday existence, suicide is frequent. One must play the game or take the consequences. Free-thinkers can't play and any degree of defiance creates problems with the KGB."

From her youthful perspective, the most "vicious" result was that "the people aren't open about their feelings because someone may inform. There is no trust, no emotion. Everyone is suspect — your family, your friends — everyone". Sadness permeated Sheara's conclusions. A friend composed poetry in jail, memorized, but not written till "outside", and all the imagery was of freedom.

"People must realize help is needed all over the world," she pleaded. "One **must** remember lest everyone will perish."

100,000-strong community fragmented, largely assimilationist

Arab ethnic press has only minimal support

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
[First of two parts]

TORONTO —

"They couldn't care less about an Arab press in Canada," says Jim Peters with a mixture of scorn and sadness.

Peters, president of the Canadian Arab Friendship Society, is referring to his fellow Canadian Arabs and their largely lackadaisical attitude toward the ethnic Arab press that attempts to cater to their needs.

The 100,000-strong Arab community in this country is served by nine weekly, bi-weekly and monthly newspapers published in Vancouver, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. (There may be more, but Arabs interviewed by The Canadian Jewish News were not aware of any others. Indeed, the editor of the Edmonton paper, one of the biggest, did not even know that an Arabic newspaper is printed in Toronto.)

Symptomatic of their quality — and future — is the fact that the best of the lot, The Jerusalem Times of Vancouver, has gone bankrupt and is now reduced to being a meagre supplement for an inferior Montreal newspaper, Arc Arabic Journal.

A French lecturer at Ryerson, Peters claims the Arab press in Canada — perhaps much like the network of Anglo-Jewish papers in North America — is "doomed to being small, insignificant and financially insecure." This is partly the case, he says, because Arabs are not as ethnically conscious as they might be once they settle in the 'Diaspora'.

Though he contends that Arab periodicals are "done on the cheap" and are pitiful in terms of layout, Peters finds them interesting reading.

Surprisingly, Arab editors feel that their publications still have a long way to go before they attain a fairly high journalistic standard. Naim Sawaged, president and chief editor (and only fulltime staffer) of Al-Raid Al-Arabi, a Toronto weekly, admits that the Arab press is generally on "a very primitive level".

"We don't have the means to subscribe to news services, and few of our editors are really professional journalists," says Sawaged, a Jordanian who began his professional career as an assistant pharmacist in Amman.

Raymond Rayad Kneider, editor of Montreal's Canadian World Arab Review, notes that "all Arab newspapers could stand improvement. We could have better writers and better printing, higher circulation and anything else that makes a paper more attractive."

According to Peters — who was himself unaware of the existence of nine Arab Canadian newspapers — the low stylistic and typographical quality of the Arab press is actually a function of the Arab community's composition and structure.

The community, far from being monolithic, is fragmented according to religious, regional, economic, educational and generational lines. In fact, the community is really a microcosm of the divided Arab Middle East.

Peters, who is of Syrian-Lebanese-Maronite descent, says the Arabs here are very prone to assimilation. Thus, compared to Jews or Ukrainians, Arabs are woefully lacking in ethnic consciousness. Says the Toronto-born academic: "The Arabs are too apathetic for me. They like 'la dolce vita'."

"You can't be a general without an army," he adds, speaking of his past efforts to rally the community around the Arab-Israeli conflict. "If some issue of interest arises, 10 Jews will write letters to the Toronto Star; the Arabs won't bother."

Khalid Mouammar, president of the Canadian Arab Federation, agrees with Peters' gloomy assessment of the Arab press and his analysis of the Arab community. A Palestinian, Mouammar says the Arab press varies in quality. But the majority of the publications are "still mediocre reading", slapped together by editors who often cannot devote all their time and imagination to creating a readable and typographically appealing product.

Part of the explanation for this state of affairs is that the Arab press lacks the fiscal wherewithal to attract good freelance writers. Says Mouammar: "They can't get contributors because they can't pay. I've been asked to write, but I won't do it on a regular basis unless I'm paid."

Like Peters, Mouammar claims that the mediocrity of the Arab press is a function of the community's outlook and structure.

"We lack a sense of community," he explains. "The only force that binds us under normal circumstances is anti-Arab hostility. And when things are quiet in the Middle East, our Arab political and cultural consciousness is not as acute as it should be."

Arabs, he says, are hardly reluctant to assimilate — to blend into the great Canadian mosaic and 'disappear' as unhyphenated Canadians. "That's my major complaint about Arabs."

Jim Peters of 'Friendship Society'

For the Arab press, the results of this willingness to be swallowed up by mainstream Canadian life is short of disastrous. "An Arab who wants to read about the Middle East can — and does — pick up the Toronto Star or Time and get a better picture of what's going on than if he had bought an Arab paper," says Mouammar.

Ashraf and Jaalan Balbaa, a young Egyptian couple living in Downsview, appear to typify the indifferent attitude many Arab Canadians display toward their press and community.

They have not heard of any of the Arab Canadian newspapers, and neither would they buy any of them. Ashraf and Jaalan — both well-paid professionals — rely on the English Canadian press and two Egyptian periodicals for their Middle Eastern news diet. As far as communal events are concerned, they are simply not interested, though, paradoxically, Ashraf and Jaalan are caught up in the swirl of Egyptian news. This, they disclose, parallels the attitude of all their Arab friends in Canada.

A scholarly study carried out by Baha Abu-Laban on "The Arab Canadian Community" (The Medina University Press International, Wilmette, Illinois) supports Peters, Mouammar and the Balbaas in their contention that the Arab community is split into seemingly irreconcilable communities, and that its members are not likely to read the Arab press as often as they might or should.

(Jacob Elbaz photo)
Canadian Arab leader Khalid Mouammar

Though he wrote his monograph six years ago, his conclusions are strikingly valid.

Arab immigrants "seem to include many alienated intellectuals, professionals and businessmen. They are a product of political and economic frustrations and instability in the Arab world....Their ties with the homeland are personally most tenuous. Should they fail to return to the Arab world (and there seems to be no indication that they will return), they are highly assimilable in the Canadian society by virtue of their occupational and educational qualifications. Compared to the pre-World War II immigrants, these new immigrants are likely to assimilate faster into Canadian life."

For the editors of the Arab press, Abu-Laban's observations are both pertinent and challenging, and ultimately they pose two overwhelming questions: Can Canadian Arab newspapers survive financial blight and the indifference of the community?

Next: A Survey of the Arab Press.

Letters to the Editor

'Jews should separate themselves from the Arabs'

Dear Editor:

The Arab nations are dedicated to the destruction of Israel as a Jewish state. They have failed to destroy Israel with war, but they are succeeding remarkably well in another way.

Recent figures from the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics reveal that the Arab population in Israel is increasing at approximately twice the Jewish birth rate. A United States Library of Congress study reports that Arabs will outnumber Jews in Israel in 72 years, including Jewish immigration.

When Arabs outnumber Jews, then Arabs will control the Israeli government, declare Israel a secular state, and change its name to Palestine. Long before, there will be major disorders and violence against Jews within Israel. It is a certainty that Jews will be persecuted and eliminated from Israel when Arabs are in majority, just as they were eliminated from Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The grandchildren of soldiers who died to preserve Israel will be driven out by an Arab majority.

The Arab population growth is a time bomb that gets more dangerous day by day. It will soon reach a point of no return. If the Israeli government does not take steps now to re-create itself as a Jewish state, then it will soon cease to exist. It is necessary for Jews to separate themselves from the Arabs, however difficult this may be, or there will be no Jewish state at all, and the Arabs will succeed in the "Final Solution of the Jewish Problem".

Melvin G. Rubel,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. Z. Szpikowski, secretary general, and Mr. W. Gertler, national president, of the Canadian Polish Congress, about how they were disturbed by Sheldon Kirshner's article, entitled, "Can We Forget Past in Favor of Co-operation on Human Rights?"

Believe me, I am the last person in the whole world who wants to create a hate campaign among others. I wish nations should live in peace and understanding. But after what I went through in the war, how can I forget this? In 1943 I lost my two brothers.

This was due to the fact that in our city posters proclaimed: "10 kilos of sugar for every Jew delivered to the Gestapo." My two brothers lost their lives because of Poles who, seeing them wandering in the streets, where no door opened for them, took them to the Gestapo.

Are you, Messrs. Szpikowski and Gertler, not aware of the pogroms organized by Poles after the liberation in Poland, in cities like Kielce and elsewhere, killing the remnant of Jews who had, by sheer luck, escaped being killed by the Nazis? Isn't this the truth?

I would respect you much more if you would remain silent, rather than make such a hypocritical statement about that tragic and painful time for Jews in Poland.

Esther Srebrnik,
Montreal

Dear Editor:

Your recent editorial (May 13, "A Severe Challenge") laments the replacement of the old, stable Jewish family with today's loose-knit, temporary unit. This is not the first time the CJN has worried about this nor will it be the last, undoubtedly. We take issue only with the fatalistic attitude conveyed by your editorial. This is not time for communal hand-wringing, but for some constructive action.

The most likely to help, yet mainly untested, treatment for at least some of our problems in this area is called "Jewish Family Life Education". The general premise underlying our view of it is simply that marriage, like other important responsibilities, should be seriously and intelligently prepared for. (This preventive viewpoint has recently caught on in the YMHA and the Jewish Family and Child Service, which have initiated JFLE groups).

The Jewish Marriage Education Committee, an all-volunteer group, has offered Halacha-oriented classes since 1970. Our disappointment, over these past seven or eight years, has been the very minimal response by the community to these efforts. Those rabbis and other influentials who were asked to send couples to our classes have rarely taken any real interest in this approach, and the attendance has remained small.

It becomes increasingly obvious that to overlook this area of specific and relevant Jewish adult education is a great mistake, and we should start really supporting such efforts now. Is there a crisis? Then what should our priorities be?

Rochelle Balaban, Vernon Balaban,
Rabbi Leo Davids, Haim Goldberg,
Jewish Marriage Education Committee
of Toronto

What am I supposed to do?

By J. B. SALSBERG

Oh, envy me not, you good people, for the life of a columnist in a community paper such as this is not a bed of roses.

It is especially not a joyous existence when the commentator is also a community busy-body who cannot avoid rubbing shoulders with the august personages that are the occasional objects of his not-so-gentle comments. It is excruciating at times, believe me.

1. AM I A THORN OR A ROSE? The other day, for instance, I found myself unexpectedly face-to-face with such a dignitary. Before I could say my friendly hello, he expressed his spontaneous feeling by saying: "Hi, there is the thorn." But noticing the look of amazement on my face he hastily added, with a broad grin, "I mean the rose, of course. Every rose, as you know, has its thorns."

So there you are, my friends. I really don't aim to be a rose, but who wants to be a thorn? So what's one to do?

(At this point uncle Eliezer reminds me of the late president Truman's famous advice, that if one can't stand the heat, one should get out of the kitchen. That's quite true and though I have no intention of getting out of the kitchen the heat that occasionally singes my greying hair is also no delightful experience.)

Am I looking for sympathy from you, the finest people on both sides of Bathurst Street, Toronto, or St. Lawrence Boulevard, Montreal? Well, a bit of sympathy never hurts but what I really seek is your understanding and your help in coping with some of the problems that I encounter while I work myself to the bone serving your best interests.

2. CONGRESS PLENARY AND ITS PLACE IN JEWISH HISTORY. Well, my friends, there are evidently some readers who were puzzled by my column of May 27. Mrs. Wolfe Goldberg, for instance, thought that I contradicted myself. "The heading of the column," she said, "reads: J.B. calls plenary of CJC landmark in Jewish history' but in the text you listed a number of serious shortcomings."

Well, Mrs. Goldberg and others who voiced similar opinions, I believe that you are both right and wrong. How can that be? Very simply. The caption was a bit extravagant, but the body of the article was, I thought, quite balanced.

So why did I put such a heading on it? The answer is that I didn't. "You didn't?" she asked in surprise. "No," I replied, "my own brilliant caption was 'an odd thing happened on the way to the assembly' but the editor, just to punish me, changed the heading to the one you saw."

Why did he punish me? Oh, he'll deny that he did, but I'm sure that's exactly what he did do. The worst is that I certainly deserved some sort of punishment but not one as severe as that. Why did I deserve even a minor punishment? Because I was later with that column than I ever was before. (I confess, Mr. Editor, so don't allow your editorial head-shrinkers to tinker with my heads any more. Yes, sir, I promise publicly to reform and to bring my weekly opus on time from now on.)

As you saw, Mrs. Goldberg et al, my column pointed to the good and not so good at the plenary. But as for it having been a "landmark in Jewish history" it wasn't really that good or that important. Jewish history, as we know, goes back 4,000 to 5,000 years and there were many landmarks that were really landmarks in that history. Canadian Jewry is too modest to make such claims — neither did I.

It was a good plenary session, it was, as I stated in the column, "an important landmark in the ongoing history of Canadian Jewry." That it was. But the key word there was "Canadian". OK, Mrs. Goldberg? (Now, my good readers, make sure that the editorial powers-that-be cease and desist for using the guillotine on my headings. Thanks.)

3. SHOULD I BECOME A GOVERNOR OR A CABINET MEMBER? As every reader of this corner knows I am an inveterate opponent of the childish, make-believe game that some of our adults like to play. Psychologists have a ready explanation for the phenomenon that drives certain people to engage in the infantile game of being pretentious. But I'm not concerned with the clinical explanation of such behavior at this moment. What irritates me is to see otherwise nice (leitishe) people (menshen) make themselves rather foolish by naming every little committee by some heraldic name.

At present I have to make a decision. I'm invited to become a member of two committees. One calls itself a "cabinet" and the other "governors". So, my helpful readers, what should one do? Should I accept the invitations, or should I reply that I'm ready to join and be helpful, but not unless it's called by the good, old, comfortable, unpretentious, very appropriate and very meaningful name of COMMITTEE? What's wrong with committee?

Please, compassionate readers, tell me what I should do. Should I allow myself to be made up into a governor or a member of a cabinet, or should I insist on retaining my own identity? Thanks for your anticipated help.

Mass migration to Palestine continuation of pre-war flight

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

It was June 10, 1945. The ashes in Europe were still smoldering, attesting to the atrocities perpetrated during World War II. Now it was up to the survivors to piece together whatever remained and start anew.

For many displaced persons, including approximately 300,000 Jews, representing nearly every country touched by the Nazi nightmare, starting anew meant, not repatriation, but rather flight on a course that would end, for the majority, on the shores of the Holy Land.

From 1944 to the birth of Israel in May, 1948, the physical and psychological trauma undergone by those Jews, not only during the war, but even after the war, compelled them to become part of a mass migration. They fled mainly from Eastern European countries to the Central European countries before embarkation to the Holy Land or to various English speaking democracies.

In many ways the migration was a continuation of the attempts to flee Europe before and during World War II. Despite the difficulty of getting out of Nazi-held lands and the equal difficulty of getting into most countries in the world at that time, some Jews were brought to safer areas, very often with the help of Jews from Palestine.

No sooner than the Allies conquered each section of land, even before the German unconditional surrender, the she'arit hapletah (the spared remnant) continued the process of fleeing to more hospitable lands. The tracks of their illegal border crossings were covered, in part, by the fact that by the summer of 1945 it was estimated that over 10 million persons were wandering across Europe in the process of repatriation. For the Jews, however, attempts at repatriation were often met by the stark realization that anti-Semitism still existed in their former cities and villages to the point where their lives were, once again, in danger.

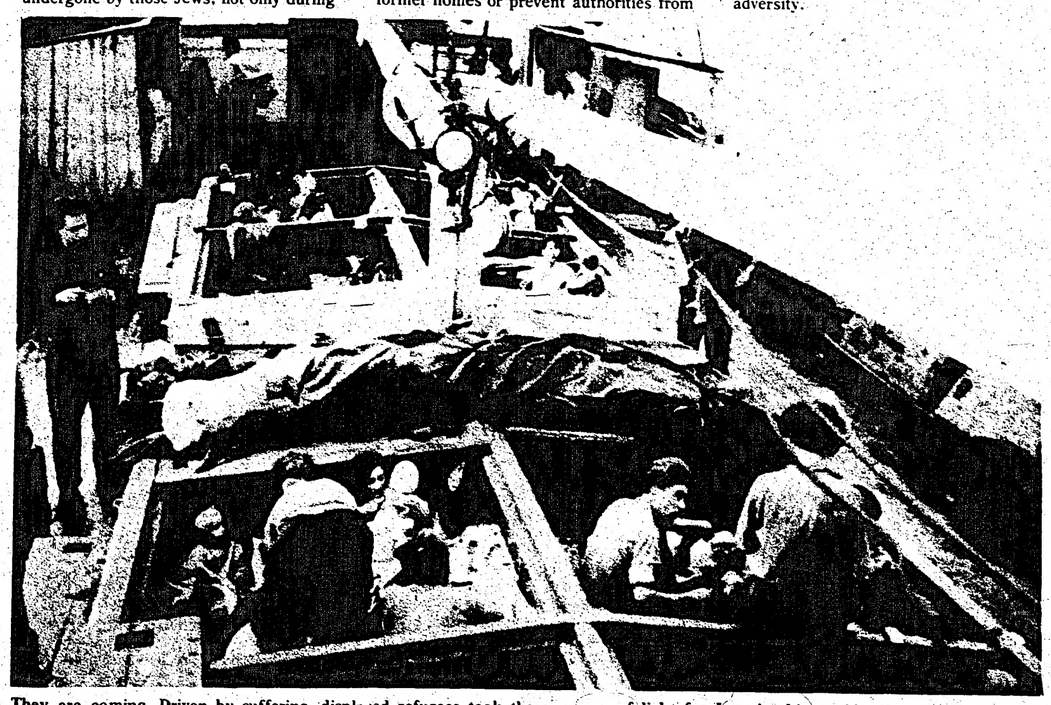
Consequently, the initial flight of Jews became individual efforts to flee their former homes or prevent authorities from returning them there.

Soon, however, they were helped by individual Jewish chaplains or other Jewish soldiers in the western armies or by a few Jews smuggled in from Palestine for the express purpose of aiding the flight of their co-religionists. In due time, the more organized efforts of Mossad L'Aliyah Beth, headed by Shaul Avigur and with the help of others like the colorful Yehuda Arazi, and the American Joint Distribution Committee, took over.

Fellow Jews, mostly those residing in Palestine, went to Europe where they often risked their lives in helping those who had survived the abyss of the Holocaust. They forged papers, took jobs on railroads and boats, guided groups of orphans across mountain ranges and set up networks of hiding places along flight routes.

Mostly they worked to fulfil the overriding wish of the majority of the she'arit hapletah — to go to Eretz Israel. Although the British intercepted most ships heading for Palestine with their human cargo, such attempts served as a continual reminder of a need for a Jewish homeland.

As well, the determination of the survivors of Hitler's madness to flee and find respite in a welcome land served as a historical reminder of the powers of the human will to live in dignity despite all adversity.



They are coming. Driven by suffering, displaced refugees took the one way of light for Jews in this world — the road to Israel.

Organizations and People

what's new...

BY MIRIAM HERMAN

A BUSY WEEKEND

Here's the line-up for the June 11-12 weekend — On **Saturday**, if you are feeling lucky, drop in at Thornhill Lodge B'nai B'rith's Las Vegas Nite and Auction at 7:30 at the Cara Inn on Airport Road. If you're not a winner at the games tables, maybe you'll come up with a door prize or a good buy at the auction.

Sarah Hertzberg, soprano, is guest singer at the festive closing meeting of Labor Zionist Alliance, B. Borochov Branch 124 called for 8:30 p.m. at the LZA centre.

Then on **Sunday**, you have a choice of a variety of things to do. The day starts off in a reflective mood with the Holocaust Remembrance held by Achdut-HaAvoda Poale Zion at 11 a.m. at the Martyr's Monument (Independent Section) at Mount Sinai Memorial Park on Wilson Avenue. Guest speaker is Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education. In case of rain, the memorial takes place at the Borochov Centre.

For bargain hunters, the Bonanza Bazaar, sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Council House, complete with surprise packages, children's movies, raffles, and home-baked goodies.

A simultaneous chess exhibition begins at 1 p.m. at the BBYO building on Hove Street. Co-sponsored by BBYO and the Russian Jewish Association, it highlights Nava Shterenberg, rated number one women chess player in Canada and a gold medal winner at the World Chess Olympics in Israel last year (representing Canada). She will be playing 30 different players at the same time. The exhibition kicks off the opening of a new school of chess and chess club at BBYO.

Art lovers might like to know that Shaarei Zion Sisterhood has an auction of international works going from 8:30 p.m. on, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The wine and cheese preview is at 7:30.

Bnei Akiva's Institute for the Study of Zionism and Eretz Yisrael series concludes with a discussion of **The Needs of Israel Today** by Israel Consul-General Shmuel Ovnat. The lecture will be accompanied by a new Israeli film, **Peace is the Issue**. The time is 8:30 p.m. at Ulpanat Orot, 4445 Bathurst St.

Details of the fall tour to Israel sponsored by the Israel Medical Association of Canada will be presented by tour leader Avi Rodak at a social event arranged for 8:30 p.m. at the Inn on the Park.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Give blood! Give life! That's what Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith says in their brochure about the blood clinic they are running this Wednesday, the 15th, at Temple Sinai from 2-4 and 6-8:30 p.m. Baby sitting will be available, and besides, every blood donor will receive a beautiful tropical plant.

WOMEN'S ORT DINNER

That same evening, at 6:30, Toronto Women's ORT closing dinner gets under way at Civic Garden Centre in Edwards Gardens. Columnist-author Joan Sutton is guest speaker.

BOND-WITH-ISRAEL

June is a busy time for women's division Bond groups with several events already scheduled. For example — Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women are having a tea on Monday, the 13th, at 1:30 at the home of Faigie Schwartz, 14 Coreydale Ct., Downsview. Guest speaker is Rabbi Morton Green of Hamilton's Adas Israel Synagogue....On Tuesday, the 14th, Beth Sholom Sisterhood's garden party is at 12:30 at the home of Belle Serota, 296 Betty Ann Dr., Willowdale. Guest artist is Montreal singer-raconteur Bill Aronson.

WITH THE SENIORS

Monday, the 13th, is the date of the public affairs forum put on by the Centre for Creative Living. The theme, **Public Housing for Seniors**, will be discussed by panelists Norman Brudy, vice-chairman, Metro Tenants Association; George Coleman, general manager, Metropolitan Toronto Housing; Don Crosbie, deputy minister of housing, and Ed Shiller, real estate reporter, The Toronto Star. Chairman is Centre member Rose Dibkin. It takes place at 1 p.m. at the Centre, 15 Hove St.

The Bloor 'Y' Good Age Club Wednesday activities include a lecture and slide presentation on Metro safety information on the 15th at 7:30; the annual bazaar, with a large selection of clothing, housewares and other items, on the 22nd from 2-9 p.m.; and a bingo night on the 29th at 7:30.

BETH AM GRADUATION

At Beth Am Congregational School graduation exercises on Thursday, the 16th, the graduates will be addressed by the school's first principal, Shoshana Kurtz. Also participating in the program will be Mens Club president Phil Myerson, congregation president Irving Bornstein, school board chairman Dr. Sam Rubenzahl, and the students themselves in a cantata **Stand And Be Numbered**, directed by Rosalyne Federman. One of the special guests planning to attend is former principal Dr. Samuel Rosenbaum. School is presently under the leadership of Rabbi Kenneth Tarlow and Ephraim Bagola.

FPI MEETING

On Monday, the 13th, at 8:15 p.m., Friends of Pioneering Israel is presenting a documentary film, **A Dove With Clipped Wings**, which is about Ron Cohen, an active peacenik in Moked and a former refugee from Iran. Producer John Muller and his wife Henya will be on hand to discuss the film and their activities with the Work Group Israel, a progressive activist group in Holland.

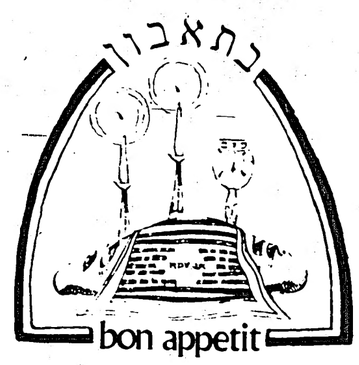
LZA SINGLES DANCE

In addition to their weekly get togethers, Toronto Social Action is planning a dance for each Saturday evening at 8:30 till the end of June, starting with a '50s dance this Saturday, the 11th. It all takes place at the LZA Youth Centre, 19 Hillmount Ave. If you want more information about this group, write PO Box 574, Station 'Z', Toronto M5N 2Z6....The University Students and Graduate Club has called in to say that the dance they scheduled for this Sunday, the 12th, has been postponed until July....But the Modern Singles (23-45) dance still goes on at 8:30 p.m. this Sunday at the LZA centre.

CONFERENCE POSTPONED

Just received word that the North American Jewish Student Network conference planned for this week, June 12-15, has been postponed to Dec. 25-28. Apparently the request for the change came from the University of California system which represents eight schools and 100 student leaders who are presently tied up with final exams.

Bananas occupy exalted spot in hearts of the Israeli people



By MARCIA KRETZMER
JERUSALEM —

Israeli bananas neither look nor taste as good as the Latin American or West Indian varieties. They are not as large, yellow or fruity. But, for compensation, they are plentiful and cheap, growing luxuriantly in the humid valley areas of the country.

Bananas are the Israeli baby's first introduction to solid food, and they remain firm favorites thereafter into adulthood, regarded as a whole food, almost in the same way as eggs or milk. The story told by Amos Elon in his book **Founders and Sons**, about the fretting Israeli mother pursuing her wily offspring into the street, begging him to eat a little more banana (for vitamins) and a little more sour cream (for strength), is by no means apocryphal.

For the religiously observant, bananas cause a slight confusion in classification, as they are not a true fruit tree, hence the blessing: "boreh peri haetz" may not apply. Bananas grow on palm fronds which are pruned radically every year, making them more of a bush than a tree. So some authorities prefer to regard them as a fruit of the earth: peri haadamah.

But in the kitchen, there is no rigid classification, because bananas have a myriad of uses. Consider, for example, banana and cottage cheese salad on a bed of lettuce leaves. Or banana split and banana ice cream. Or what about banana torte, or bananas flambe? Then again, there is the whole range of banana cakes and breads ...you can no more imagine your kitchen without bananas than you can imagine your refrigerator without cheese.

Here are just a few of the many ways of using this succulent sunshine fruit, but don't forget the best of all: straight from the skin!

Banana Split Israeli-Style
1 large banana, ripe, but firm and white
3 heaped tblsps. heavy sour cream, well chilled
1 tblsp. toasted wheat germ
1 tblsp. dark brown sugar

cut banana in two lengthwise, and arrange on a small oval dish. Place sour cream in between slices, mix wheat germ and brown sugar together and sprinkle over sour cream. Serves 1

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Banana and Dates a la Creme
4 bananas
1/2 lb. dates (fresh are infinitely preferable, but dried will do provided they are very soft)
1 1/2 cartons light sour cream

slice bananas into a bowl and mix with stoned, halved dates. Add sour cream, and mix thoroughly to coat. Chill before serving. Serves 4-5

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Sari Wool's Chocolate-Banana Cake
5 tblsps. cocoa
2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 1/2 tsps. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
3/4 cup oil
2 eggs
1 cup water
1 cup mashed bananas

1. sift cocoa, flour, sugar and leavenings into mixing bowl, make a well and add oil, eggs, water and bananas. Beat on high speed 5 mins.

2. pour into prepared loaf pan or rectangular 9" x 11" pan, and bake in preheated oven at 350° for about 45 mins. or till toothpick tests clean. Can be used as is, with chocolate butter frosting, or sprinkled with shredded coconut

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Banana Health Loaf
1 1/2 cups plain flour
1/2 cup wheat germ
2 1/2 tsps. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup margarine
3/4 cup sugar
1 tsp. lemon rind
2 eggs, beaten
1 1/4 cups mashed banana
1/2 cup chopped pecans

1. blend margarine and sugar till light and creamy. Add rind, eggs, and bananas, and beat well

2. sift flour with salt and leavening, add wheat germ, then add to banana mixture gradually, beating well. Stir chopped nuts through mixture, and turn into a prepared 8 1/2" x 4 1/2" loaf pan. Bake in preheated oven at 350° for 1 hr., or till toothpick tests clean. Allow to cool 15 mins. in pan before removing

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Shabbat Shalom!
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Movement must change 50—50 image

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

There was a time when Conservative Judaism was looked on as 50-50. The prevailing mood was that you take 50% Orthodox and 50% Reform and you come up with Conservative.

According to Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitmen, executive vice-president of the United Synagogue of America, Conservative Judaism must shed this image and be looked upon today as the movement that not only accepts the revelation at Sinai but also accepts revelation as an evolving process.

"Revelation at Sinai was a great voice that never stopped. Consequently, any discussions revolving around interpretations were actually foreshadowed at Sinai because it was there that the ongoing process began," he said.

Speaking on "Conservative Judaism: Tendency or Movement?" at the annual conference of the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, Kreitmen explained how Conservative Judaism has evolved to this stage.

In years gone by, the movement was looked upon as a coalition. People would speak in those years of its strength in its diversity. When Solomon Schechter was brought to the revitalized and once-and-for-all firmly established Jewish Theological Seminary in the United States, he brought with him, from England, the words "Conservative" and "United Synagogue". As well, Kreitmen continued, Schechter, being a member of the historical school which based its emphasis on the Talmud as opposed to the Bible, brought with him the concept of a developing and evolving Judaism.

Notwithstanding this link with the Talmud, the American rabbi noted that the Talmud is the "repository of the developing Jewish law" and because it links what we do with the Torah, there is a continuity with Sinai.

Two other factors are integral determinants of a definition of Conservative Judaism, claimed Kreitmen. First, the centrality of the Jewish people. Second, any interpretation must come about within the Halachic ethic. Although revelation is viewed, within Conservative Judaism, as a continuing process encompassing sensitivity and understanding, there must also be a commitment which is found within Halacha, he said.

...about people

Samuel Iwry

Back for a return engagement to lead the B'nai B'rith Institute of Judaism June 24-26 is **Samuel Iwry**, who conducted the weekend retreat last year. Professor of Bible and Hebrew literature at Baltimore Hebrew College, he will be dealing with **Crises in Jewish History**. This is the BB Toronto Regional Council's 21st annual institute, but the first one to be held in town — it takes place at the Prince Hotel. For information, call chairman Joe Shabes at 787-4152.

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To give you an idea of what some of our young people are doing — At the recent convention of the Central Canada Region of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth held in Hamilton, **Reesa Schore** of Toronto won the Meritorious Torah Achievement award while fellow Torontonians **Susi Perl, Denise Benzaquen** and **Jeff Bernholtz** received awards for Torah Service as did **Anne Cohen** and **Mark Matchen** of Hamilton....Two Jewish youngsters took first and second place at the Ontario provincial championship gymnastics tournaments in Toronto last month. **Doron Kernerman**, 15, won a gold medal for overall performance in the men's division, level 2, and **Danny Fedder**, also 15, came in second. Besides, Doron also got four separate medals for pommel horse, parallel bars, rings and vault, and Danny, a silver for vault and a bronze for high bar.

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Last Monday's meeting of the Parents Association of United Synagogue Day School was a double header. Not only were the new officers installed — **Shirley Worth**, succeeding **Marylyn Light**, as president, with **Fradell Epstein** and **Dolly Cass** as vice-presidents — but special tribute was paid to teachers who have been with the school over seven years. In all, 11 teachers, headed up by principal **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum**, were honored for services ranging up to 16 years.

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Temple Sinai can add two more names to its list of Temple youth who have become rabbis — **Mark Shapiro** and **Elliot Strom**, who were both ordained in Cincinnati at the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion last week. Rabbi Shapiro returns to Toronto as assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom. Rabbi Strom will be assisting the senior rabbi in New Brunswick, N.J. (whose former senior rabbi, **Harvey Fields**, succeeds **Gunther Plaut** at Holy Blossom).

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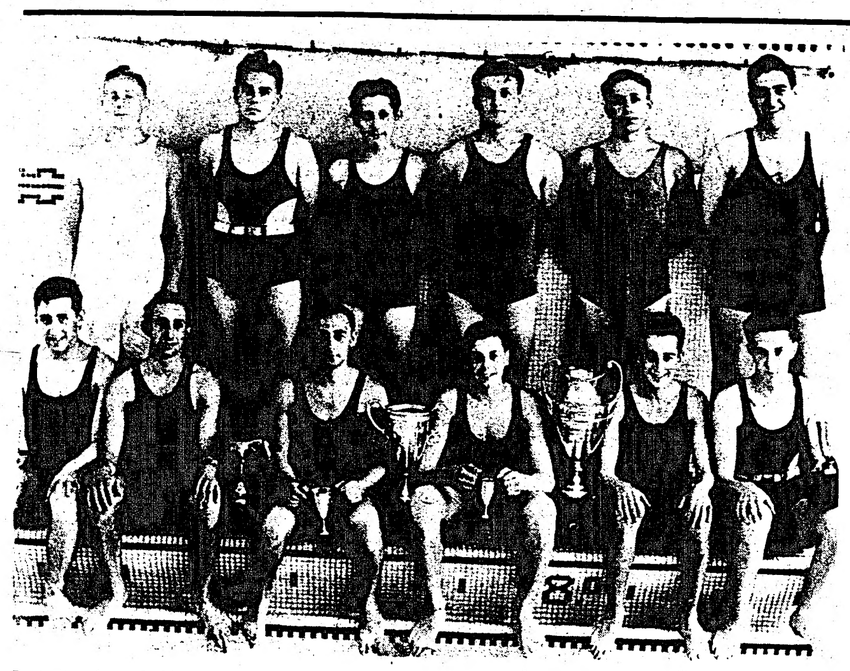

Bert Fine (seated third from right) is shown as a teenager in 1935 when he was a member of the YMHA swimming club. Today, he is honorary vice-president of the 'Y'. Others seated (from left) are Morris Vigoda, Joe Leipcigar, David Perlmutter, Julius London and Sam Berman. Standing from left are Stanley Korn (phys ed director), Louis Kaplansky, Solly Grupp, coach Ben Starkman, Harvey Bearkstein and Max Goldhar.

'Because I enjoy my work...'

My 'debt' will never be repaid, says 'Y' volunteer Bert Fine

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO —
It was at the old YMHA on Brunswick Avenue that Bert Fine began the career in athletics which was to turn into his life's work. And today's YM/YWHA has profited immeasurably from what Fine sees as a personal debt of gratitude.

Fine, 57, who has held many 'Y' positions, including chairman of the board and president of the 'Y', does not believe that he can ever repay his debt to the 'Y' — even at the rate of 14 hours a week in volunteer activities — because he still gains so much from his participation.

"I've enjoyed everything so much, the people I've met, the friends I've made," he said in a recent interview.

Fine was eight years old when he and other members of the Jewish Boys' Club on Simcoe Street began swimming twice a week at the old Brunswick YMHA. The club supplied free tickets and the boys were quick to take advantage.

But it was Fine's neighbor, Dave Perlmutter, a marathon swimmer of his day, active in the 'Y', who, when Fine was 13, recognized his potential. Perlmutter urged him to join the 'Y' and there started him in competitive swimming. The highest point of his competitive career was reached when Perlmutter coached him to win the Cy Rubin Memorial Award.

The prize was to be the last that the two shared, as

Bert Fine today

Fine entered the air force immediately afterward and, on his return from service five years later, had to concentrate on the important business of graduating from the University of Toronto as a teacher of physical education. It was at the 'Y' that Fine earned the extra funds that he needed to support his young wife.

Fine is not the kind of man to forget past favors. Today Dave Perlmutter, 70-years-old, is swimming coach at Fine's successful day camp. And the story of Fine's devotion to the 'Y' in a volunteer capacity began in 1950 when he became involved with the membership and athletic committees and continues today as he fills the positions of honorary vice president and life director.

In 1960, when the Northern 'Y' was built, Fine made the decision to discontinue all activities in synagogue, lodges, and other organizations in order to concentrate on the 'Y'.

"I like to feel that I had a part in everything for the past 20 years. I'm proud of the natural growth of the 'Y', the increase in membership, the calibre of the physical facilities, and the professionalism of the staff. The response to the capital campaign — $3 million from our members alone — is fantastic."

Fine is on the campaign cabinet which meets regularly. For the past five years he has attended at least three meetings a week for various 'Y' activities. If you add to these the time that he spends canvassing for funds, then the time that he is investing averages out to 10 to 14 hours per week.

Fine says, "it's really not work because you're meeting people and, besides, to see that northern 'Y' building become real from what you visualized on paper is just a very dramatic thing.

"The things that matter most are intangible — the friendships that cut across every walk of life, the warmth of camaraderie. When you're at the 'Y' with a towel around you, you're just you."

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Cantor Marshall Russ of Toronto will conduct all the religious services. Zionist leader Julius Hayman of Toronto will be the keynote speaker.

The rabbi will be honored by such national organizations as Israel Bonds, United Israel Appeal, Jewish National Fund. The head table will be graced by a number of dignitaries, including MP Gilbert Parent, Ontario Culture Minister Robert Welch, and St. Catharines Mayor Ray Adams.

Master of ceremonies will be Daniel Monson, past president of the Zionist Organization of Canada. Chairman of the event will be Sydney Goldford.

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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Shlach L'cha/Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

The Israeli elections are not over — after all, the messiah hasn't run yet....

The brilliant gaon, Rabbi Meir Simcha of Dvinsk, used to rejoice at every new settlement that was built in Palestine in a time when many religious Jews were suspicious of the Zionist movement.

"Rabbi," his friends asked him, "how can you support the Zionists when so many transgress the Torah?"

"I'll tell you," he explained. "In the Kaddish we say **Yitgadal v'yitkadash shmai rabah** — Great and holy may become His great name — first great, then holy....The same way with Eretz Yisrael. First let them become great and strong, build up their towns and villages, eventually, I promise you, they'll become holy...." (Fun Unzer Alter Oitzer)

Someday Israel will become one big shul, and every stone a siddur, and every child a prophet.

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Galus means **gevalt** — where there's exile, there's excitement — but not the right kind....

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But Moses explained — "listen, the reason this Jew and every Jew breaks away from Yiddishkeit is because they are in the desert, in exile. If that Jew with the hatchet had lived in Eretz Israel, eventually the holiness of the land would have brought him around...." (Rabainu Bachai)

Don't cry why we have so many intermarriages and broken Jewish homes — why not? If we choose to live outside our own mountains, and sit in the shade of others' trees instead of our own, then **vus ken min tainin?**

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The tzadik turned to the portion of Shlach. "Listen, when Moses sent out the 12 spies to search Canaan, he told them to see whether the people there were strong or weak. And he gave a sign — if they live in open, unprotected towns, it means they're strong, confident. If they live in fortified cities, it means they're weak, unsure...."

He closed the **chumash** and looked at the Jew. "If you think you will stay the same observant Jew, keep your children faithful to Yiddishkeit, then you can live anywhere, without walls. But if you feel you need the fire of others' inspiration, then you have to live in a city of Torah and Yiddishkeit...."

Before a Jew moves from one place to another in Toronto, the first thing he has to look for is not the roofing or two-door garage, but how strong the Jewish life is around him. Is he in walking distance to a shul? Is he near a good Jewish school for his child? Who will the neighbors be?

Bad enough **galus** — but who needs a galus within a galus, exile within an exile? Shabbat Shalom.

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'Vocational schooling has earned respect'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO —

At first, many Israeli parents were dubious about sending their children to schools with vocational training, but now about 60% of high school students attend such institutions, relates a leading Israeli proponent of comprehensive schools.

Parents initially were suspicious of comprehensive schools because they visualized their children as lawyers or doctors, says Baruch Ron, a district inspector. Eventually they became convinced the technological professions are just as important and respected.

Not only the public, but also religious schools have come to the same conclusion regarding vocational education, emphasizes Ron. He is on a sabbatical at the University of Toronto doing research on the topic — "Is the conventional school a preventative factor of youth delinquency and social deviation?"

Baruch Ron

Ron says comprehensive high schools (grades 7 to 12) help prevent dropouts and vandalism, and aid in the employment picture.

"The way to fight vandalism is not through legal methods, but through the education system," continues Ron, noting there is much less of it (vandalism) present in comprehensive schools in Israel than in the other institutions.

The 53-year-old resident of Haifa feels the modern school must be first an educational institute and then a place of learning.

Education should be to teach a student to be part of society and a good citizen, he adds. "It's not that important whether he's bad or good in mathematics."

He feels many teachers lack the human touch. In Israel currently, there's a lively debate between old and new-fashioned teachers.

Schools must not be teaching factories, Ron says. Instructors must try to understand their pupils and get involved with them. The teachers must be first an educator, he continues, pointing out he's come across many who were bad educators and caused students to drop out.

Ron, who started teaching in the school system of Lodz ghetto in Poland and later organized youth underground study groups, says funds invested in the Israeli school system must be deployed in a better way. He hopes his research will help lead the way.

After coming to Israel as an illegal immigrant following the Second World War, he received from Tel Aviv University degrees in law and an MA in criminology, specializing in ways to prevent juvenile delinquency.

Following many years of teaching and dealing with dropouts, he came to the conclusion that something is amiss with the structure of the system. The government is aware of this problem and is changing the structure, he adds.

He has been in Toronto for six months and will be here for at least another 18. He's being sponsored by the Israeli government and the Teachers Advance Study Fund of the Israel Teachers Union.

Ron chose to come here to do his research because of the similar demographic structure of Canada to Israel with a large immigrant population and a similar school structure (public and religious).

In Toronto, he has met many teachers and received co-operation of the city Board of Education and the Jewish Board of Education. He is working out of the Centre of Criminology at the University of Toronto.

At this stage, he is not prepared to divulge any conclusions from his studies here.

Rabbi Wurzburger...

Low birth rate threatens Jewry

By HARVEY WARREN

TORONTO —

The greatest threat to the survival of the Jewish people is a low birth rate, a former Toronto rabbi told an interdenominational audience here recently.

Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, president of the Rabbinical Council of America and father of three sons, said "we have a shrinking Jewish population throughout the world" and an aging one. U.S. Jews have an age "far above the median," he said, "and there are very, very few children."

A loss of Jewish clout and influence and a rise in intermarriage will result "unless we learn how to reproduce", the former Shaarei Shomayim rabbi warned.

Wurzburger, delivering the concluding lecture of Adath Israel Congregation's series, "Religion Responds to Modern Questions", was speaking on "Bio-ethical problems in religion" and made his remarks when asked to comment on the concept of zero population growth.

"After we lost six million Jews in the Holocaust," he said, "we can't afford to think of this choice."

Wurzburger's talk dealt with the Jewish religious response to such issues as euthanasia, abortion, organ transplants and genetic engineering.

From the Jewish perspective, the Orthodox rabbi said, the current thinking that man should actively terminate life when it ceases to be "meaningful" is "utter nonsense". Jews uphold the sanctity of life independent of the quality of life, the doctor of philosophy told the 250 people, many Jewish physicians and scientists among them.

"There are no conceivable circumstances when we can arrogate unto ourselves the right to terminate actively any human existence," Wurzburger declared.

He rejected arguments concerning the social cost or expense a family must endure in the application of heroic measures to preserve life. "Human society should find alternate ways to finance the sanctity of life," he said.

"Jewish law quite clearly indicates," he added, "that until the time of actual birth, the fetus is not yet regarded as a full-fledged person."

When an abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother, the editor of the magazine, **Tradition**, explained, the mother's life must be saved even at the expense of the fetus, but once the process of birth has begun, there can be no interference in the natural process.

Wurzburger called abortion on demand "a great moral catastrophe" and emphasized that the only justification for abortion is to safeguard the health of the mother.

Wurzburger maintains that the donation of organs is only permissible to save the life of the patient who actively needs the transplant to live, but otherwise the laws dealing with autopsy prevail. "You mustn't touch the body unless it is for the purpose of finding a cure for another human being who is suffering from the disease," he said, and thus donations for scientific research are not allowed.

Wurzburger slammed the idea of "science for the sake of science, knowledge for the sake of knowledge and technology for the sake of technology," saying it "has brought us now to the brink of destruction."

Boycott and unity

HAMILTON —

Herb Gray has linked the issue of national unity with the Arab boycott.

In an address to the Jewish Community Centre here, the Windsor MP said: "In order to maintain our national unity surely our national government must demonstrate that it can provide, and in fact is providing, security in economic and human terms to all its citizens whether they are English-speaking or French-speaking and of every origin."

He added: "Of course, we all must be involved in the struggle to maintain our national unity. Therefore, we, and all Canadians as part of this effort, must make sure the government understands the importance of meaningful action — and takes such action — on issues like the necessity of preventing threats like the Arab boycott to our security.

"Such action must be an important segment of a total priority effort by the government to preserve Canada as one strong, united country serving the best interests of all its people."

Gray, a onetime federal cabinet minister who has often urged Ottawa to adopt anti-boycott legislation, said the measures announced by the government last October to combat the blacklist were inadequate.

BB, Bonds toast athletes for Maccabiah

TORONTO —

The Canadian contingent of athletes, more than 85 of Canada's best in a wide range of sports, will be given a gala send-off before their departure for Israel to participate in the 10th Maccabiah Games being held in July.

The Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith in co-operation with Toronto State of Israel Bonds is hosting a community reception for the athletes on Tuesday evening, June 21, at 8 p.m., at Beth Tikvah Synagogue on Bayview Avenue. Philip G. Givens is serving as chairman of the Maccabiah Reception, which is expected to attract the attendance of hundreds of families and their teen-age children to meet and cheer the athletes on their way.

Shmuel Ovnat, consul-general of Israel in Toronto, will be a program participant. The event will feature informal Israeli-style entertainment and is open to all supporters of Israel Bonds in the 1977 campaign, on the basis of four tickets per family.

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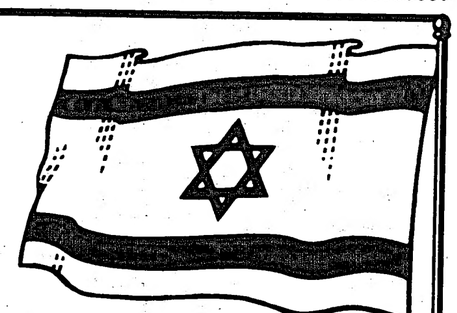

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From Kerson, St. Petersburg to Toronto

'Jimmy', nearing 90, has had extraordinary life

By BEVERLEY STERN

TORONTO — Recently, Jim "Yascha" Blugerman, nearly 90, was installed as the 58th president of the oldest and largest B'nai B'rith chapter in Canada, the Toronto lodge.

When Blugerman came to Toronto in 1908 he had five rubles in his pocket, a broken mandolin and a certain joyous chutzpah packed into his skinny frame. He used to jump off and on the open-ended streetcars in Toronto with such agility that no conductor could ever run fast enough to catch him for the fare.

Blugerman, like so many other East European Jews of his time and place, swept into Canada on the waves of the most powerful currents of the 20th century — industrialism, unionism, nationalism, communism, socialism and fascism. These were the names of the forces that marked an era.

From the archives of the International Ladies Garment Union comes this photo of workers about 60 years ago in a Toronto factory. Jimmy Blugerman was a leading labor organizer at the time picture was taken.

He was born on a small, communal farm outlying the Ukrainian city of Kerson in 1887. One of five brothers and two sisters, the family lived in the constrained manner of most poor and Orthodox Jews. In 1900 they moved to the port city of Odessa and were thrust into the centre of the great unrest throbbing amongst students, professionals, the middle class and workers. Blugerman's mother, unlike his apolitical father, was caught in the fever of discontent. She told Yascha with deep conviction that the socialists would one day lead the workers out of the wilderness just like Moses. He loved her for her sympathies and acute awareness of the workers' suffering. They agreed that changes had to be made. Just how fast and when those changes would come, he was only too soon to find out.

On an earth-shattering Sunday in St. Petersburg in 1905, one single event acted forcefully to end the Czarist empire. A priest named Father Gapon had organized a group of about 200,000 peaceful factory workers just fresh from the farms. They drew up a petition asking for an eight-hour day and minimum daily wage of one ruble (50 cents) and representative government. The czar's officials and troops, alarmed at the size of the demonstration, shot indiscriminately into the crowd, killing hundreds.

Horrified and stunned, peasants, workers, business people and professors protested, calling for an end to autocratic government. But it was too late. Even with Nicholas' concessions in the October Manifesto, the moral bonds holding the country together snapped. Tension filled the streets. From nowhere, secret arms caches appeared. In Blugerman's student group, a variety of small-arms appeared.

Rumors of a Jewish pogrom now swept Odessa. The Cossacks and the Black Hundreds (the latter were the police of the czar, the aristocracy and the Orthodox church) rode into town, massacring Jews and protestors alike. Within 24 hours, guns were distributed amongst Blugerman and his friends. Although he had never held a gun in his life, he ran through the streets with a Smith-Wesson revolver. Upon seeing his hated enemies, the Black Hundreds, he fired two shots. Two men dropped to the ground. For a few seconds the earth whirled. Blugerman fled.

In the upstairs apartment of his father's shoemaker shop, the family huddled in anxious consultation. His mother had quickly confiscated the gun and disposed of it. She decided Yascha was to leave Odessa immediately and go back to Kerson to stay with an uncle until other, permanent plans could be made for leaving Russia.

In 1908, two tickets for a freighter on the Baltic-American line were mailed to Yascha's mother from a brother living in Toronto. Without passports, the boys crossed through Poland, Germany and finally into Belgium where they boarded an old, rusting boat heaving with refugees. Half the ships passengers wretched and heaved their way across the rolling Atlantic. They watched incredulously while Yascha and his brother ravenously devoured black bread, herring, baloney and potatoes. Raised along the Dneiper River, they had been swimming, diving and jumping off boats all their lives. The Atlantic crossing, a living horror to so many, was for them an exciting adventure.

After going to night school to learn English, Yascha, now called Jimmy, got his first job at one of Eaton's factories. He started as an underpresser in the men's wear, learning to press seams with a gas-iron operated with a foot pedal. He apprenticed for a dollar a day, six days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch was a half-hour. No one in the shop dared complain out loud.

In 1911 the Toronto women's cloakmakers struck against Eatons. The strike was long, bitter and disastrous for the young, newly organized International Ladies' Garment Workers (ILGW) union. Blugerman now knew clearly where his sympathies lay and what he had to do. He joined the United Garment Workers of America, the union for workers in men's wear and committed himself to union causes.

Garment workers labor in tight quarters in Toronto

But the United Garment Workers developed resistance in its ranks. It was castigated as a union only for aristocrats, particularly the cutters who dominated the leadership. It was alleged to be disinterested in the "greenhorns". Blugerman denounced the general officers as "class-collaborators" who would not respond to pleas of workers for time work rather than piece work.

At a national convention in Nashville, Tennessee in 1914, 40 delegates, among them Blugerman who was chairman of the Toronto local, broke away. They campaigned to leave the UGW and called for another independent union of workers in the men's garment industry.

In 1915, the rebel union called itself the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA), and outside the ILGW it was destined to become one of the most powerful unions in the entire garment industry. Three years later, Blugerman became a full-time union organizer for the ACWA. Standing outside in all kinds of weather, he hovered out of sight of the bosses around the factories waiting for workers at closing time. When they began to leave at the end of the day, he darted into the crowds and delivered his union message on the run.

Slowly the workers began to respond. Meetings at the union hall attracted larger crowds. Tip-Top Tailors was Blugerman's first success. With other organizers over the next three and four years, large Toronto factories such as Shiffer-Hillman, Crown Tailoring, W.R. Johnson, Stone Clothing and Randall Johnson as well as Montreal factories accepted collective bargaining rights for their workers.

During all this time Blugerman's commitments to justice and concern for humanity endured. But his political ideologies shifted. In 1912, he had joined a Toronto branch of the Socialist Party of Canada established by a group of Finnish, Italian and Jewish workers. When the Bolshevik Revolution broke out in 1917 he rejoiced in its success and the expectations of world revolution. In 1922 he joined the Communist Party in Canada. With a newly formed left-wing group, he renounced his membership at the same time from the founders' branch 220 of the Workmen's Circle, and in 1927 formed the United Jewish People's Order. The latter was a communist mutual benefit society which today persists as a socialist institution with over 600 members.

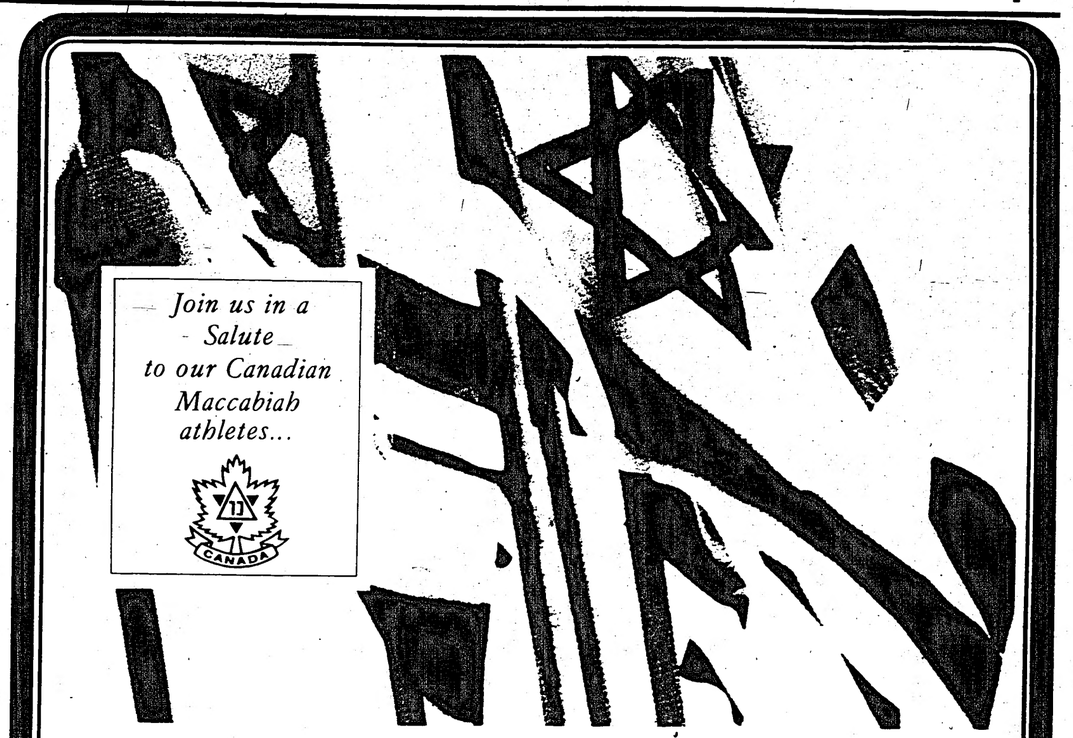
In the 1930's the rise of Stalin challenged and changed Blugerman's political loyalties. The infamous purge trials with their forced confessions, arbitrary sentences and death convictions disillusioned Blugerman. An inveterate rebel and individualist, he openly repudiated Stalin. For his deviation from party lines, he was condemned and expelled from the Communist Party. His Bolshevik days now over, Blugerman never looked back.

The spectre of Nazism now hung over Europe. Blugerman had worked for the American Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) in Toronto after the First World War helping to settle the new Jewish immigrants and fund-raising activity. Now with the accelerating promulgation of the notorious anti-Semitic laws and dangerous isolation of German Jews, Blugerman did what he could to arouse public awareness of the critical issues. Standing on boxes at open-air meetings on Spadina Avenue, Blugerman and other members of the UJPO inveighed against the tyranny of all fascism and totalitarianism. He urged demonstrations to pressure governments to open their doors to the desperate Jews.

On April 17 when Blugerman was installed as president of the venerable Toronto Lodge, the event crowned a life spent at the hurly-burly, scrappy centre of political, social and economic forces. Many lodge members knew him just as "Jimmy", who had given almost two decades of devoted service to the lodge. Others recalled his 28 years at the YMHA as an active member.

But Blugerman, summed up all together, is a lot more than his lodge members knew. He is an extraordinary amalgam of events, personalities and ideas that are unforgettable. No vicarious onlooker, he deserves a place in the history of Toronto Jewry.

Senator David Croll (centre) joins Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blugerman at installation of nearly 90-year-old union pioneer as president of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith



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Organizations and People

Conservative commission to study role of women as spiritual leaders

By RICHARD YAFFE

NEW YORK (JCNS) —

Opponents of the ordination of women as rabbis in the Conservative movement have won at least a two-year postponement of the issue.

Discarding a resolution which would have called on the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to "consider and admit" women to its rabbinical school, the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, voted instead at its annual convention to establish an "interdisciplinary commission to study all aspects of the role of women as spiritual leaders in the Conservative movement."

It was announced on behalf of Rabbi Gerson D. Cohen, chancellor of the Seminary, that he would abide by the decision of that commission. Cohen, who will appoint the committee, said that he considered the debate shelved for two years. The committee, which will be composed of all segments of the Conservative movement, will make a progress report to the Rabbinical Assembly at its convention next year, and a final report on the following year.

Cohen declared that if the matter had come before his faculty this year, it would have been voted down "overwhelmingly". He explained that women are accepted now into all classes of the Rabbinical School and many work for degrees but not ordination.

The Rabbinical Assembly has amended its constitution to allow membership to all persons "upon whom the title of rabbi has been duly and properly conferred" and have such other training and qualifications acceptable to the organization.

The amendment, which avoids consciously the mention of sex of applicants, makes it possible for women now to apply to the organization for membership. So far as is known, there are no applications from women.

Two seminaries now ordain women — The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Reform) and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

In a separate but related action, the Committee on Law and Standards (Halacha) of the Assembly removed from its agenda without opposition an item calling for the widening of the Halachically-legal definition of a Jew by declaring that a child fathered by a Jew is a Jew. The Halacha now is that only those born of Jewish mothers or are properly converted are Jews.

The matter had originally been presented to the Assembly by the Rabbi Solomon D. Goldfarb of Israel in the quarterly of the association, Conservative Judaism. He was concerned over the fact that a number of people emigrating from the Soviet Union had non-Jewish wives. The original decision to make the religious descent of Jews a matriarchal matter, he explained, was that only a woman in those days knew who the father of her child was.

It was time, Rabbi Goldfarb wrote, that "in our day we regard the non-Jewish wives of Russian families and of those from other Communist countries as faithful to their husbands and that we regard their offspring as offspring of their husbands."

When the chairman of the Commission, Rabbi Dr. Seymour Siegal, professor of theology at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, asked for comment pro or con and received neither, he suggested that the item be removed from the agenda, and this was done without objection.

Young Israeli violinist found military service opened musical fields

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

What happens when the army takes a large chunk out of a young man's life? For one thing, it makes him impatient, eager to catch up and get on.

Igor Markstein is 30. He has a violin, which he plays very well, an MA in music from the University of Northern Illinois, a great many plans and ideas — and a burning desire to prove himself. He also, at the moment, has nowhere to go.

By rights he should have been where he is today several years ago. But he lived in Israel and like all young men had to serve his time in the army. And like everyone else, he accepted his army service as part of life.

Now that he is finally ready to go out into the world he finds himself, in common with most young graduates today, in a world which has precious few jobs to offer. It's frustrating, to say the least, but he tries to dismiss it with an offhand, well-that's-life kind of shrug.

But if the army took three years out of Igor's life, he also got something out of the army besides learning how to shoulder a rifle.

His military service was deferred until after graduation from the Samuel Rubin Academy in Tel Aviv but once in the army, he found that it "opened up other musical fields." He was part of a variety ensemble which combined music, dance and acting,

Igor Markstein

in which he also played bass guitar and "which got me acquainted with pop and folk music." He actually enjoyed being in the army and part of a "very hard-working, very talented group."

Born in a displaced person camp near Munich, he came to Israel with his parents when he was three. His musical talent was evident from a very early age and even then he demanded a violin but his parents, sculptress Ora Markstein and her teacher-poet husband Francis, tried to talk him out of it. To no avail. At 11, which he says is rather late in life, Igor began to commute from his home in Holon to Tel Aviv for music lessons.

After the army he won a scholarship to Northern Illinois for studies with Shmuel Ashkenazi, who had been an earlier pupil of Igor's teacher and had won the prestigious Tchaikovsky Competition in 1960.

"I have no big ambitions," says Igor, a lively young man with dancing black eyes and the short and stubby fingers he says are characteristic of violinists. "I only wanted to learn to play the violin very well."

Ideally, he would like to be a member of an orchestra in a small university town, where he could teach, perhaps lead a community choir and spend his spare time composing and arranging.

For the past year he has managed to be active in all these fields: he taught music at Temple Anshe Sholom religious school, conducted the children's choir and did some arranging. And during the Canadian National Ballet's Toronto season, he played with the orchestra.

Part of the reason he joined his parents, who emigrated to Canada about three years ago, was that he sees a tremendous future in this country for young musicians who are willing to devote their talents to developing music in smaller communities.

Anti-Semitism trait of PQ, warns Liberal Simma Holt

TORONTO —

There is a deep thread of anti-Semitism running through Parti Quebecois politics — and what happened in Germany could happen to Jews in Quebec.

That note of warning was sounded last week by Liberal MP Simma Holt (Vancouver-Kingsway), in her address to the National Council of Jewish Women's annual meeting.

"What happened in Germany you may see in Quebec before you know it," she said. "When the economy hurts, they always blame the Jews."

A woman who unintentionally found herself on the Liberal backbenches — she turned up at a policy conference to tell them how to clean up the party and wound up running for office — Mrs. Holt said that "behind the curtains of the House of Commons I've seen a lot of anti-Semitism."

Undaunted, she carries on as a critic and sometimes thorn in the side of her colleagues — and fights a two-pronged battle: as a woman and a Jew.

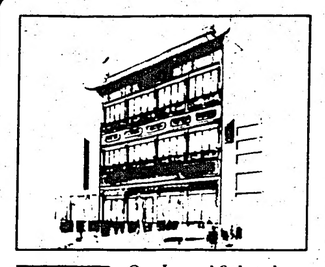
The journalist-turned-politician had a lot to say about the party in power. In fact, she liberally sprinkled her sometimes rambling address with anecdotes on her caucus adventures, her colleagues and their leader — Pierre Trudeau — and came away towing the party line.

"I didn't like Pierre Trudeau until I met him." And later, "he's the only one who will stand up and fight for the Jews. MPs take the blame for things they cannot control when it's the senior mandarins in Ottawa who control so much."

And then, almost as an afterthought, she described to the 100 women gathered how best to fulfil their potential as Jewish Canadian women. She urged them to "get out and work on election campaigns," and added they shouldn't be wary of getting their daughters involved.

"Get your 12-year-old daughters involved in the system — and not just licking envelopes — but canvassing." She said they should learn the ropes of the political system at a young age so when they are old enough to perhaps run for office, they will know the basics of how the system works.

Aware that women who want careers outside their home must somehow blend skillfully the raising of their children, Mrs. Holt said she sympathized with women who are torn in the dilemma of wanting to fulfil their own goals without sacrificing their families.



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(David Groskind photos)

Herb Green (right), head of the 'Y' construction committee presents awards to those who worked on building of expanded facilities. From left are Hersh Fogel, Alex Tobias, Bert Fine, and Gerry Granek.

Banks increase activities in Mideast

TORONTO — Canadian banks are stepping up their activities in the Middle East, according to a May 28 Financial Post story.

The Bank of Montreal, which already has an office in Beirut, recently bought a 30% share in the newly formed International Resources & Finance Bank SA. The aim of the bank is to utilize the cash resources of the oil-rich countries for the development of both the Middle East and Africa.

Meanwhile, the Royal Bank re-opened its Beirut branch in January following the end of the civil war in Lebanon. And the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce announced that its representative office in Manama Bahrain is in operation. Last November, Commerce opened an office in Iran.

Commerce also has a small interest in Banque Arab et Internationale d'Investissement, which is based in Paris and provides a variety of investment services in the Middle East.

Bank of Nova Scotia's interests in the Middle East include a Beirut branch and an offshore branch in Cairo. Says Peter Godsoe, a general manager in its international division: "The bank is looking at several areas in the Middle East for expansion. This is an area of great economic growth and potential."

Toronto Dominion Bank, which reopened in Lebanon last January, has two branches in Beirut and one in Tripoli. The bank's most recent activity in the Middle East was to open a representative office in Iran.

(Irwin Cotler of McGill University, the man who chaired a citizens' group which issued a report this year on the Arab boycott in Canada, disclosed in April that he had evidence that several Canadian banks required proof of compliance with the blacklist before signing letters of credit.

(He said the banks were: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, the Royal Bank of Canada, the Toronto-Dominion Bank and the Bank of Nova Scotia.)

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MONTREAL

AROUND THE TOWN

By JANICE ARNOLD

Chaim Herzog

HERZOG IN TOWN

Israel's ambassador to the UN, **Chaim Herzog**, will be guest speaker at the Israel Bonds "Man of the Year" dinner honoring **Philip Vineberg**, dinner chairman **Arthur Pascal** announced. Dinner is scheduled for June 15 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

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J. I. SEGAL FUND AWARDS

Montrealers swept the **J.I. Segal** fund awards this year, winning all three prizes. For Yiddish/Hebrew literature — **Shloime Wiseman**, a long-time principal at the Jewish People's & Peretz Schools; for Jewish education — **Shimshon Dunsky**, a former assistant principal at JPPS; and for the arts — **Ghita Caiserman-Roth**. Special recognition went to **Morris Ogulnik** of United Talmud Torahs and **Etta Wineman** of JPPS for Jewish education. No awards were made this year for English or French literature. Awards will be presented June 12 at the Jewish Public Library at 8 p.m.

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YOUTH TEAM UP

A committee of young Sephardic and Ashkenazic Jews is starting to shape up. Its first project will be a newspaper with the goal of fostering communication and understanding between the two groups. Those with ideas for the newspaper should contact **David Bensoussan** at 731-9290.

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JCHF MEETING

The Women's Auxiliary of Jewish Convalescent Hospital Foundation are holding their annual general meeting June 15 at the Windsor Hotel at 1:30 p.m. **Claire Sheiner** of the Jewish General Hospital Auxiliary will speak. A raffle drawing will also take place.

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GRAD GROUP

The Jewish Single Graduate Association are organizing two events this week: a picnic lunch this Sunday at Beaver Lake and a film and informal discussion next Wednesday evening at Hillel. Details from **Mike Heitner** at 747-2869.

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BILL ONE BRIEF

A brief giving a comprehensive outline of Quebec Jewish opinion on Bill 1 was submitted this week to the Quebec government. Put together by the Joint Community Relations Committee, Eastern Region, the 30-page document reflects the views of submissions by 40 organizations and meetings with 750 persons at three open forums.

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HEBREW U. POST

Allan Bronfman has been named honorary chairman of the international board of governors of the Hebrew University. Another Montrealer, **Michael Greenblatt**, was made deputy chairman.

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MOUNT SINAI TOUR

The public is invited to tour Mount Sinai Hospital in St. Agathe this Sunday. On that day also members of the board, women's auxiliary and physicians who have made a special contribution to the hospital will be honored at a reception hosted by incoming president **Gerald Bronfman**.

EASTERN REGION VOTE

A meeting of all delegates and alternates named by the Eastern Region of Canadian Jewish Congress to the plenary assembly has been called by Dr. **Mel Schwartzben**, Eastern Region chairman. Two members to the national council will be elected, who in turn will elect a 100-member executive, four vice chairmen, a secretary, a treasurer and regional representatives to the national executive.

HOSTAGE OFFER

Several members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry offered themselves as political hostages recently in exchange for the freedom of four Soviet Jews being held prisoner on false charges. The students presented themselves at the Soviet consulate and demanded that they be allowed to exchange their freedom for the freedom of **Anatoly Scharansky, Josef Begun, Mark Azbel, Benjamin Fain** and **Vladimir Lazaris.**

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A. M. KLEIN FILM

Work has begun on a one-hour documentary about the life of **A. M. Klein**, the Montreal-born giant of Canadian Jewish literature who died in 1972, by independent filmmaker **David Kaufman** of Toronto. The film will be completed by the fall.

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VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY

Montreal teams competing in the 27th annual volleyball tournament of the Jewish Welfare Board, hosted in this city for the first time, only made it as far as the semi-finals. Playing in the Centre Pierre Charbonneau on the Olympic site the weekend of May 28-29, the Laval YMHA was a runner-up in the Men's Masters semi-finals and the Laval and Davis 'Y's in the Men's B division semi-finals. Thirty teams from across Canada and the U.S. participated.

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ROSE IN BELGRADE

Canadian Jewish Congress Executive Vice-President **Alan Rose** is in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to attend a meeting of the review board of the Helsinki Final Ace (June 7-23), which will deal specifically with "Basket Three." Signed in August, 1975 by 35 countries, including the Soviet Union, this chapter of the act deals with basic human freedoms. Rose is a member of the compliance committee set up by World Jewish Congress at the Brussels Conference on Soviet Jewry.

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BRIEFS ON VIOLATIONS

A brief will be submitted at the Belgrade conference by the Montreal Committee of Lawyers and Jurists on violations against Jews by the Soviet Union of the freedom of reunification of families. The material contained in the brief was collated by **Miriam Garvis**, a member of the 35s.

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PRINCIPAL LEAVING

Shlomo Jaacobi will be leaving his present post as principal of the Beth-El Hebrew School at the end of the month to become principal of Bialik High School. Bialik's outgoing principal **Frederick G. Robinson** is taking a position at Vanier College.

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FRENCH STUDENTS AT SHUL

One hundred francophone elementary school students from the Parish of St. Alphonse d'Youville in east end Montreal attended Sabbath services and a kiddush at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim as part of their studies in religion. The visit was on the initiative of the parish and was by far the largest delegation of French-Catholic students received at the synagogue.

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MNA SPEAKING AT DINNER

Liberal member of the National Assembly, **John Ciaccia**, will be guest speaker at the Montreal Hadassah-WIZO annual dinner this Tuesday at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

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MONTREALER ORDAINED

Abraham I. Ingber of Montreal was recently ordained a rabbi at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. A B.Sc. graduate of McGill in 1971, he was the recipient of the AJCS Certificate of Achievement and the Hillel Certificate of Honor during his student days.

Israel Consul General Zvi Caspi signs in the Golden Book at Cote St. Luc City Hall while Mayor Bernard Lang (centre) and Norman Spector, head of The Samuel Moskovitch Memorial Campaign, look on.

Ashkelon sports complex to honor Sam Moskovitch, late Cote St.-Luc mayor

COTE ST. LUC — Mayor Bernard Lang and members of the municipal council here tendered a cocktail reception May 26 at City Hall at which the Samuel Moskovitch Memorial Campaign to build a community and sports centre was launched.

The centre, to be built in Ashkelon, Israel, will house a large gymnasium with appropriate facilities, a stage for theatrical performances and meeting rooms for citizens of the community. The late mayor of Cote Saint-Luc, Samuel Moskovitch, twinned the city with Ashkelon. For decades, Moskovitch was a dominant figure in the Canadian Jewish community.

As mayor of Cote Saint-Luc, his advice was valued and his ability to govern was acknowledged. As an individual, he was warmly welcomed everywhere, for he was a charming, articulate man.

The Samuel Moskovitch Community and Sports Centre will be attached to the ORT School in Ashkelon, which was founded in 1955. This is a technical and trade school with an enrolment of over 500 students, whose parents are mostly from North African backgrounds.

The centre will provide these students with an opportunity for recreation, sports and friendship and will also serve as a meeting place for adults where cultural programs, discussions and social functions can be held in a spacious environment.

Gordon Brown is honorary chairman and Norman Spector is chairman of the campaign.

Contributions to the Samuel Moskovitch Memorial Campaign may be sent to 5165 Sherbrooke Street West, room 208, Montreal H4A 1T6.

'Kollek provoked into remark'

IN MY VIEW

By CHARLES LAZARUS

On a point of personal privilege, I think it important to clarify a statement made here recently by Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's garrulous mayor, who was in Montreal on the occasion of Jerusalem Day to address the annual dinner of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

The statement was made at a press conference and in response to questioning by newsmen about Israel's political situation under Menachem Begin.

One reporter unexpectedly threw a zinger which, as it turned out on checking later, was if not wholly inaccurate, at least misleading and designed to get a rise out of the ever cool Kollek:

"Your Worship," said the newsman, "the media here (I'm paraphrasing since I didn't write down the question) have referred to Begin's arrogance. Do you think the world will be patient with his arrogance?"

At which point Kollek did indeed lose his own patience but not his cool, and replied vigorously: "Look, I am sorry about the outcome of the election" resulting from "lacklustre leadership on the part of Labor," rather than any special strength on the part of Likud.

"But if you ask me if the world will have patience to deal with Menachem Begin, I must remind you of the world's patience with Idi Amin, Yasser Arafat and others of that kind."

When this was reported next day in The Montreal Star, the calls began pouring in, protesting Teddy Kollek's apparent equation of Menachem Begin on one side and Amin and Arafat on the other.

Well now, suppose we try and get a couple of things straight so that Teddy Kollek, who has done so much for Israel's survival, Israel's image and the presence of Jerusalem in recent years, isn't accused of adding more heat to his country's already boiling political waters.

Of course he wasn't equating tyrants such as Arafat and Amin with Menachem Begin, whose zealotry Kollek rejects, and whose role in Israel's history will have to speak for itself, good or bad, but in the context of the catastrophe which destroyed six million Jews.

Which is not to say that terrorism of any kind at any time should be condoned — and certainly Teddy Kollek has never condoned it!

But what Teddy was trying to point out is that it seems utterly unfair at this point in time for a man democratically elected in that small speck of a democracy called Israel, and whose credentials for recognizing the democratic process have been inpeccable for close to three decades, should be painted in the media with the terrorist brush while Arafat is welcomed at the United Nations and Amin daily announces his intentions of attending the Commonwealth gathering in London.

In other words: If the world has been patient with Arafat and Amin, then it shouldn't even be questioned if there is enough patience still lying around for Menachem Begin.

The reporter who asked the question, using words such as "arrogance" and "patience" was guilty of provoking Kollek needlessly.

Others at the news conference were stunned to hear the question, since there wasn't any general recollection of Begin having been accused of "arrogance".

Asked where he had seen Begin's "arrogance" criticized, he quickly replied: "In the Montreal Star, don't you read it?"

Since I've worked for The Montreal Star these many years and read it daily, I went back to check — particularly one editorial which was strongly critical of Begin's use of the word "liberated" instead of "occupied" for the West Bank.

But the editorial DID NOT — repeat DID NOT — speak of Begin's "arrogance", which would be a description of his character and behavior, but rather said:

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MONTREAL MARCHES

(Howard Kay photograph)

This is part of the huge turnout for Yom Yerushalayim celebrations.

This is an overview of the Golden Age Association luncheon for Meals on Wheels volunteers at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Nearly 650 volunteers are involved in undertaking. About 120 meals a day are provided.

July construction date for Golden Age centre

By JANICE ARNOLD

Construction may begin on a new Golden Age centre as early as July.

The $1-million complex, a gift of Nathan and Maxwell Cummings, will be a two-storey structure built in the parking lot of the AJCS Cummings House.

Although plans are still in the preliminary stage, some features are almost certain. The centre will face on Westbury Avenue, across the street from the Harry Bronfman Square. It will occupy approximately 20,000 square feet and have underground parking. A tunnel will connect the centre with the main AJCS building. Sketches indicate that an open, glass-covered lobby is planned that will allow large indoor gardens to be grown.

The larger quarters will allow for the expanded programming that is envisioned for the aged. The Golden Age Association, which is now housed in offices on the second floor of Cummings House, has 3,500 members and over 1,000 non-member clients. There is a staff of 20 professionals and 500 permanent volunteers.

Professionals and volunteers often have to double and triple up in offices due to the lack of space. In the new centre, volunteers will have their own work area.

There are presently six rooms for programming, limiting the number of simultaneous activities. The new centre will have at least double that number. The art room will grow from 25 by 35 feet to 50 by 50 feet.

Continuing education is an area the GAA is trying to build on. There will now be three classrooms, a lecture-movie room that will seat 75, and the first library for members only. Also, the board rooms and staff meeting room can be used as classrooms when not in use.

The new centre will altogether permit the running of 20 programs a day. It's all a far cry from the double duplex the GAA occupied on the corner of Victoria and Cote St. Catherine just four years ago.

There will be a large dining room, an important feature in an area where there are many elderly people living alone. The small canteen in the basement of Cummings House could never meet the rising demand for low-cost, nutritious meals.

The lounge in the new centre will be much larger and will not have to be used as a movie or exercise room as the present one sometimes is.

There will even be the luxury of a coat checking room, something unheard of in the Cummings House quarters.

AJCS expands staff, programs to improve communication

[Staff] —

Allied Jewish Community Services is about to embark on an ambitious program to keep the lines of communication open in the community. This will entail the hiring of several new professionals to organize "townhall" meetings and similar activities.

Community organization is the fourth priority in the 1977-78 AJCS budget after the aged, poverty and Jewish education.

A half-time staff person will be added to the public relations office, a move made necessary by increased contact with the French media. Your Community News, the bulletin issued by the PR office, will come out only six times a year and distribution will be cut in half.

The Le Fait Francais program's grant has been boosted from $6,000 last year to $50,000 this year. The larger budget will allow for the hiring of one full-time and one part-time professional.

It is still not certain how many persons will be employed for the community outreach program, but candidates are now being interviewed and appointments should be made shortly.

"For a number of years, there has been a feeling in the community that we must keep in constant communication. We need to keep the community involved and also receive more input from the community," said associate Executive Director Emanuel Weiner.

The budget was late in being released this year, almost a month and a half after its usual April 1 issue date. Weiner attributed the delay to paring down the requests of the 22 constituent agencies by almost $1 million.

Total allocations for 1977 are $4,901,000. Requests totalled $5,840,000. Last year's allocations amounted to $3,922,438.

Despite holding the line on some requests, the budget was a considerably more optimistic one than last year's austerity budget, which disallowed all new programs and staff appointments.

"It's not so much a recovery as a re-assigning of dollars — a re-adjustment of priorities — that's the key," Weiner said. "The community seems to be ready to put its money into where it's going. AJCS is trying to be more responsive to problems as the people view them."

This year's four target areas resulted from a survey taken at last year's annual community conference.

An additional $377,000 has been allocated to programs related to the aged and poverty, services which often overlap.

A new service, homecare for the elderly, will receive $100,000; the Golden Age Association $300,000, up from $248,000 in 1976; and Attendicare $391,000, an increase of $18,000 over last year.

Project Genesis, a program to organize the Jewish poor, will be funded $57,640 this year. The financial aid program of the Baron de Hirsch Institute of Jewish Family Services will continue to provide emergency funds to the poor.

Jewish education has been allocated an additional $101,000 over 1976, with a total grant of $808,000. Day schools will receive $500,000, half the amount they requested. The day schools received $427,000 in 1976.

More money will go to the afternoon schools and the Education Resource Centre as well.

Jewish Vocational Services, the camps, Hillel and the YM-YWHA are among the agencies that will receive no increase this year because their programing does not fall into the four target areas.

The Jewish General Hospital, which is facing serious financial problems, will be granted the same amount as last year. The hospital had been told it would receive $50,000 less.

The board of trustees of Allied Jewish Community Services also approved for the first time the funding of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec.

"We have been negotiating with AJCS for 10 years. AJCS now recognizes the representative body of the Sephardim. It seems to be all part of the trend toward greater unity in the community, something the Sephardim have been advocating for a long time," said Joseph Bennarosh, spokesman for the CSQ.

The CSQ will have "associate" status with AJCS for one year, whereupon a joint committee will decide if the CSQ should be funded on a permanent basis. The CSQ is to receive $50,000 over the next 10 months until the end of the current AJCS fiscal year in March, 1978. Bennarosh said it was too early to speculate on the CSQ becoming a constituent agency.

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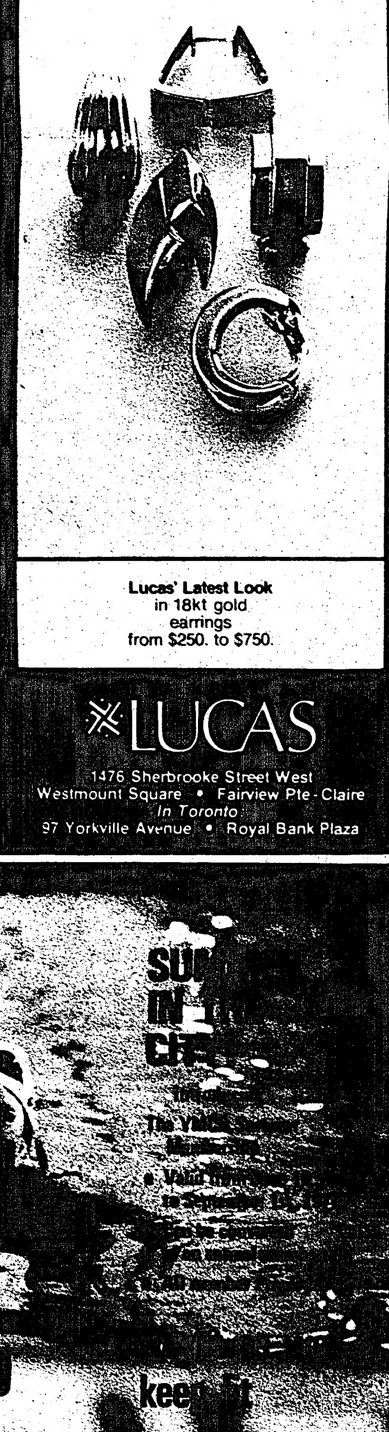

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Maimonides was the supreme talmudist of his age. In his mammoth work **The Mishne Torah** he summarized and codified all the Halachic decisions in Jewish literature up to his time. Written in vigorous and concise Hebrew, it took 10 years to compile and was a model of lucidity and organization. Known affectionately by scholars as the "Yad", it quickly took its place as the indispensable compendium for any student of talmudic law — especially those called upon to render legal decisions.

In such other works as the **Book of Commandments**, an examination and interpretation of the 613 commandments in the Pentateuch, and the **Thirteen Articles of Jewish Faith**, Maimonides displayed his conservative attitude toward law and observance. He was "an observant Jew who participated in the great yearning of his people for Messianic redemption."

Yet, in **The Guide for the Perplexed**, Maimonides set out to reconcile speculative philosophy with Divine revelation. Often this made it impossible to accept the literal interpretation of biblical commandments. The Guide, an attempt to reconcile Judaism with the major teachings of Aristotle, was a noble plea for unfettered knowledge and philosophical exploration in the realm of religion. He wrote: "It is through the intellect that the human being has the capacity to honor God."

It is no wonder that after his death the scholarly Jewish world bitterly divided into Maimonists and anti-Maimonists, and that zealots publicly burned his books and uprooted his grave.

David Hartman, formerly of Montreal and now living and teaching in Jerusalem, attempts to prove that there is a unity, rather than a cleavage, in the life and thought of Maimonides. He draws much of his inspiration from the teachings of Rabbi Chaim Soloveitchik, and stands in opposition to such scholars as Leo Strauss, Harry Wolfson, Isaac Husik, Jacob Teicher and others.

The author asserts that the thought of Maimonides "is subject to the same misunderstanding that any individual may encounter if he passionately loves his community's way of life but does not claim that this particular way of life exhausts the whole field of spiritual authenticity. "...he believed that Halacha can be maintained by one who recognizes that there exists a path to God independent of the Jewish tradition."

This is a brilliant pioneering study, a fresh and welcome approach to one of the giant personalities in Jewish history. However, it is closely reasoned and requires some knowledge and background in Jewish law and of the writings of the Sage of Fostat.

David Hartman, a Montrealer, now in Jerusalem

Choir's performance of opera Tevye's Hodel had good and bad points

music
By RICK KARDONNE

Can opera succeed without its visual aspects?

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, Canada's oldest Jewish musical ensemble still in existence, on May 14 at Central Tech undertook the commendably ambitious endeavor of presenting the opera **Tevye's Hodel** as a choral recital. As in all epic opera, this musical version of Sholom Aleichem's powerful tale about Russian Jewry contains high drama and deep human pathos. Clearly, some form of visual presence is required to convey the true impact of the story, especially in view of the fact that Maurice Rauch's music, while containing several richly distinctive minor-key melodies, tends to be all of the same medium-slow tempo, especially towards the end.

While the production recognized this truth, the means employed to convey the visual aspect failed to adequately portray on stage the gripping human drama intended by the music and the text. Three dancers, representing Tevye, Hodel and Feferl, were placed on a bare, shadowy stage behind the large choir. Inhibited by sparse choreography, which was appropriate for a simple folk dance but was woefully insufficient for these intense and ultimately tragic emotions, the dancers actually reduced rather than enlarged the emotional scope of the opera.

At one point, all three were even static-motionless on stage. The fact that the main lights were on the choir and soloists rather than on the dancers further served to de-emphasize the required centrality of the dancers. They seemed to be peripheral.

Too bad, because the three soloists — Charles Jordan as Tevye, Judith Lebane as Hodel, and Tom Schwartz as Feferl — all gave first-rate performances which brought a justly-deserved standing ovation and cries of "bravo" from the capacity audience. Ms. Lebane's full yet sensitively expressive soprano voice marvellously conveyed the intelligently devoted love of Hodel.

Charles Jordan's richly mellow baritone voice similarly conveyed the complexities of Tevye's character with its subtle blend of bitterness and Yiddishkeit. And Tom Schwartz's clear tenor correctly portrayed Feferl's role as being the forceful, youthful pivotal character.

The accompanying orchestra, consisting of some major Toronto Symphony musicians such as cellist Daniel Domb, was excellent. Their sound was tight, confident, and thus in tune with each of the subtle moods presented by the opera. Pianist Lena Zemelman (whose husband, violinist Ben Zemelman, was in the orchestra) is also to be commended for presenting a most suitably empathetic accompaniment.

As to the choir itself, under the direction of Melvyn Isen, the vocal arrangements displayed imaginative use of counterpoint. While the men sounded admirably clear and confident, the women at times, both in the opera and in the selections of single songs which comprised the first half of the concert, sounded considerably weaker.

However, two very fine woman soloists — the polished, graceful clarity of Ingrid Fistell and the more intense yet expressively controlled Wendy Cladman — greatly impressed the audience in their respective renditions of Hersh Glick's Partizaner Lied and J. Chajes' Palestinian Nights. And tenor Lori Kellen appropriately conveyed the stark horror of one of the most powerfully descriptive Holocaust songs, M. Gebirtig's Es Brent.

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PROGRAM GIVES WORKERS DREAM TRIP

By CHARLES LAZARUS

"Incentive travel" is what it's called, as if going to Israel needed any incentive except that the Jewish homeland is alive, well and where it is.

But the kind of incentive travel we're talking about here is a phenomenon that has spread in travel and tourism during recent years — a phenomenon that Israel has latched onto and is spreading the gospel, if you'll forgive the play on words, in a manner which would do many an older country proud.

Basically, incentive travel is a kind of competitive reward for a job well done. In other words, a company tells its employees that for services performed perhaps beyond the call of duty, the reward will be a vacation trip — in this case, Israel.

Moshe Kol, for many years Israel's minister of tourism, puts it neatly in a message to the business community, whether a relatively modest industry or a multinational giant: "Israel, where hospitality is a tradition from the days of the patriarch Abraham, is an ideal incentive travel destination. To explore at the same time over 4,000 years of history, the cradle of Western religions and a new country come alive, is an inspiring experience for everyone."

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In Toronto, where Asher Rahav serves as the director for Canada of the Israel Government Tourist Office, the incentive travel program and promotion has become a major dimension in encouraging tourism to the Holy Land.

Says Rahav: "Unlike other countries, Israel's tourism industry has come a long way in a relatively short time — from the beginning when visitors were motivated largely by the realization of the dream of Zion redeemed, to today when the tourist mix represents mankind's three major faiths, and those who are there for the pure and very good reason of having an interesting, exciting vacation of sun and fun."

Obviously Israel's mushrooming tourist infrastructure, with the impressive increase and improvement in hotel and transit facilities within the country, has made it possible to go for the incentive travel business which, in fact, is an extension of group travel.

What is also important to remember in terms of incentive travel is that it broadens and universalizes the impact and impressions of Israel far beyond members of the Jewish faith — which is as it should be since the Holy Land is so named because it is holy to Jews, Christians and Moslems, the three main religions of mankind.

Fedder's Corporation of New Jersey, for example, one of North America's most prominent corporations, has this to say in a letter from Victor F. Melin, vice-president:

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What is also impressive, besides the interdenominational character of incentive travel, are the additional services provided which aren't usually available in other types of group touring.

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Golden Hands, the new craft boutique at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre at Baycrest, opens on June 16. Terrace residents Ruth Gorman (left) and Rachel Eisen admire a hand-crafted pillow on display.

Craft boutique set up to display creative work of Baycrest residents

TORONTO —

When it comes to talent, the residents of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care have a lot going for them. To anticipate Senior Citizens' Week 1977 the new craft boutique, Golden Hands is opening on June 16 at 9:30 a.m. Residents are creating a line of hand-crafted articles for sale in this creative business venture.

Golden Hands, or Goldeneh Hent in Yiddish, connotes good luck and success. The craft shop is located in The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre — Baycrest Centre's newest facility — at 55 Ameer Ave. Store hours are 9:30-3:30, Monday to Friday.

Crafts are being contributed by residents of Baycrest Terrace, the Jewish Home for the Aged, and Baycrest Hospital. All items compare favorably with other commercial boutique articles, at a slightly lower price.

The accent is on hand-made crafts — knitted sweaters, shawls, handbags, cushions; cloth crafts such as quilts, pillows, wall hangings and aprons; mosaic plates and enamel pendants and pins. Framed prints and drawings, greeting cards and hasti-notes designed by Baycrest residents will also be on sale.

Bertha Bockner, shops co-ordinator of the Wagman Centre and co-administrator of Golden Hands comments: "All talents are being expressed, some for the first time. Residents are discovering within themselves special abilities and creativity. Past skills, used for making clothing and millinery, are now directed to new areas of creative endeavor."

"We hope that people in the community, as well as our residents, their families and friends, will come to buy hand-crafted articles," adds Dorion Liebgott, director of arts and crafts department of the Wagman Centre, and co-organizer of the boutique. "We will be adding to our inventory with items crafted by community artists, and in the future we hope to sell items made by residents in other homes and institutions."

Mrs. Bockner and Mrs. Liebgott share the administrative responsibilities of the store. Resident and community volunteers are staffing the boutique.

All crafts are attractively displayed in a rustic setting — a cosy clutter of pine and wicker, with potted plants from the Wagman Centre greenhouse hanging overhead in macrame plant holders made by the residents.

"The boutique is an outlet for the residents' creative talents," Mrs. Bockner explains. "I'm excited about the inventiveness and productivity of our residents."

Sheila Miller, director of the arts and crafts department in the Jewish Home for the Aged, agrees. "This boutique is what I've been waiting for for the past year and a half. We have residents' work of very high quality that can be properly displayed now and appreciated by the public. It will be great for the residents."

The new cosmetic bar, located in the beauty shop in the Wagman centre shopping area, will open at the same time. The cosmetic bar is stocking a partial line of cosmetics — makeup, lotions, colognes and perfumes. Most of these products are hypo-allergenic, that is, fragrance free, to avoid allergic reactions to any of the ingredients.

For those who prefer to "do it themselves", Golden Hands will also stock some craft supplies.

Jewish thematic films are available for rental

film

By JENIVA BERGER

TORONTO —

There's a whole raft of Jewish-oriented films available for rental from International Telefilm Enterprises, some of them real gems which can be snapped up before they're televised this coming season.

This is Sholom Aleichem, written by David Steinberg and Guy Traumeni, has already reaped praise from The New York Times and Newsday. It examines the warm wit of the Yiddish writer from the angle of his universality. Maintaining that Aleichem's style of humor has been copied by leading entertainers, this hour-long film features Godfrey Cambridge and Dom De Louise along with Nancy Walker, David Burns, and Jack Guilford as Aleichem combining biographical bits and excerpts from Aleichem's stories. CITY-TV will be airing the show around Rosh Hashanah.

Another one which has appeal is **Israel, A Search for Faith**, a 58-minute film (also available in a 26-minute cut down version) based on James Michener's research while he was writing **The Source**. A release print on this will be ready at the end of June, well before PBS shows it in the U.S.

Randy Zelkin, International Telefilm's marketing manager and in charge of TV sales, says that the company is the largest distributor in Canada of short films outside of the National Film Board and the largest distributor in Canada for behavioral science films. At least a couple of films that the company distributes win Academy Awards each year.

After viewing a score of films with Jewish content that International Telefilm is offering, I was quite impressed with the 1973 feature. **The House on Chelouche Street**, Israel's entry in the 1973 Cannes Film Festival, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's choice to represent Israel during its 25th anniversary celebration. It is a bittersweet drama about a young Egyptian Jew's initiation into manhood and his mother's struggle to sustain her family in the years before Israel's independence. As well as being a very personal and poignant story of family life, the historical period that the film is set against is well fleshed out.

Zelkin emphasizes that the biggest thing International Telefilm is doing for education is the open university concept. Of special interest is the international politics and foreign policy course comprised of seven films, 25 minutes each, which sets out a detailed study of international politics in the Middle East. Zelkin points out that the company lets educational organizations have the films for a much longer period than normal at the same rental price.

Another film with strong educational appeal is **The Hasidim**, an award-winning documentary which examines the customs and philosophy of this Orthodox Jewish group. It runs just short of an hour and is in color.

Several of the other short films which I enjoyed and recommend for various aspects of programing are a two-minute **History of Israel** which was done as part of an animation workshop by students, **The Dreyfus Affair** which would suit all age groups from young teens upwards, **Noah's Park**, a charming film for everyone about a unique zoological experiment in Israel, **Mrs. Pupka's Beard** which has young filmmakers giving us a delightful glimpse into the story telling style of Isaac Bashevis Singer as they and he re-enact one of his own short stories, and **The Children of Bet Alpha**.

The latter is a 1973 film which looks intensively at four groups of children living in a kibbutz. It was written by Herb Krosney who has another film available through the company called **A People Chosen, Who is a Jew?**

If you recall, Krosney is the same man who produced and wrote the rewarding documentary, **A People, A Land, A Book**, part of CBC's recent Converging Lines series which was reviewed in this column last March.

Rabbi returns

TORONTO —

Renowned Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach returns to Toronto to perform in concert, Sunday, June 12, at 8:15 p.m. at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Bayview Avenue.

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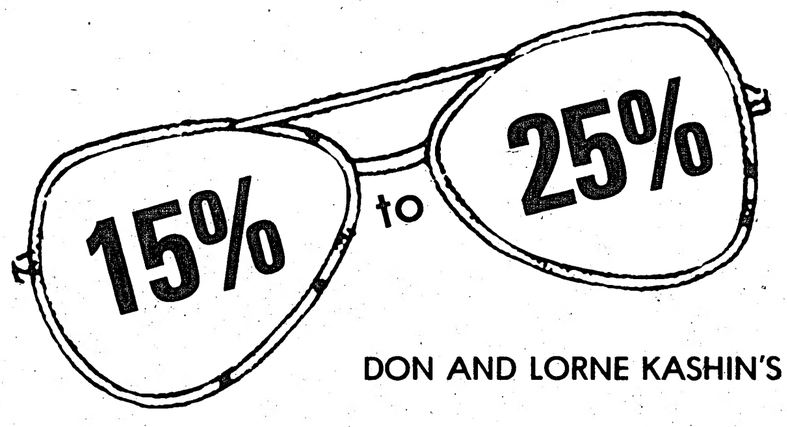

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B'nai B'rith hostage more committed Jew after painful ordeal

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
The hostages held at B'nai B'rith headquarters in Washington by black Hanafi Muslim terrorists will be asked this week to relive the 39-hour nightmare that began March 9, 1977, as the trial of their captors opens.

"There is still tension in the headquarters. Many of us will have to act as witnesses, this causes added anxiety," said Steve Morrison, 31, one of the 108 hostages held by seven terrorists. "Bomb scares are taken seriously now — we're still scared. But emotionally we're getting back to normal. The added security, however, has changed the ambience of the building."

With the exception of two hostages who are still in hospital and one who quit following the hostage drama after having begun working at B'nai B'rith only a week earlier, everyone has returned to their old work routine.

For Morrison, national director of the B'nai B'rith leadership cabinet, the ordeal began at about 11 a.m. that Wednesday morning of March 9 with a scream from his secretary that there was a gunman in the building.

Emerging from the elevator on the way to his fifth floor office where he had told his secretary to barricade herself, he physically bumped into one of the terrorists. The Hanafi gunman knocked off Morrison's glasses. Being short-sighted Morrison could see very little from that point on. He then hit Morrison hard enough to crack three ribs and fall against a steel desk, injuring several vertebrae.

"At that point all I was aware of was the sounds of gunshots and screaming. We were herded into the elevator, made to lie face down while others were piled on top of us five and six deep for two or three hours. My first image was of the stacked bodies of Jews murdered in the concentration camps. My first thought was that there was only one gunman, probably a member of the PLO, and that it was to do with Rabin's visit to Washington. I was totally convinced then, as I was throughout the entire 39 hours, that we would be killed."

They were then ordered up to the eighth floor by way of the back stairwell, all the while having obscenities shouted at them.

The men were forced to lie face down with their arms straight out to grasp onto the ankles of the men lying in front. They were then counted — 108.

"I knew that 200 people worked in the building. I felt sure the remainder had been murdered when I had heard the gunshots earlier. I learned later they had got out safely."

When Hamaas Abdul Khaalis made his first appearance six hours later, demanding the release of the murderers of his wife and children so that he could execute them, Morrison only then had some idea of what was going on.

"After making his demands, Khaalis made it very clear to us why we were taken hostage — because we were Jews, "yehudim." He spent nearly another hour telling us all the canards you can think of about Jews. He said Allah had ordered him to take 100 Jews. He called it a "holy war," and told us we would be beheaded and our heads thrown out the window. He showed us the machetes they would do it with.

"The amazing thing was that no one cracked during the whole time, no one got hysterical. There was a total symbiosis in our mutual struggle for survival and, although we were reminded the whole time that we were there because we were Jews, no one got up and shouted that he was not a Jew." (About one half of the hostages were not Jewish, a third of whom were black.)

Steve Morrison — he was a hostage

The terrorists were well-versed in the psychological torture of hostages. The men's hands were bound and they were told that the last ritual before they would be beheaded would be to have their feet tied.

They would be allowed to whisper for awhile and unexpectedly silenced with the threat of beheading. The need to go to the bathroom became a source of ridicule and humiliation. Water was given freely because, according to Muslim law, Khaalis told them, even a man about to be executed should be given a last drink. When food was brought in 24 hours into the siege, it was left in the centre of the room for a couple of hours to taunt the hostages.

"No one can say it can't happen here anymore. We were repeatedly punished because we were Jewish. It's the worst incidence of anti-Semitism seen in North America."

Morrison, who has worked for B'nai B'rith since he finished college, said the experience has made him feel more deeply committed to Jewish communal work and he believes B'nai B'rith and the total Jewish community will emerge more united and stronger because of the incident.

"It's too soon to know how it has affected me personally. I find it harder now to leave my kids (two young daughters) and wife when I have to travel. I take the extra minutes now to get to know someone better. After the pain from the injuries I suffered, which serve as a daily reminder, disappear, I suspect I will remember most the very second I lost my freedom — one thing I thought couldn't happen in the United States. Not the thought of death so much, but having no options, no choice. That will stay with me forever."

Israel's ambassador to UK to address dinner of lodge

TORONTO —
Gideon Rafael, Israel's former ambassador to the UN, and subsequently to Great Britain and Ireland, will be in Toronto on Thursday, June 23, to address a special tribute committee dinner of Yorkdale Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and to present citations to the nine past Bond-honorees of the lodge.

Yorkdale Lodge is Toronto's foremost B'nai B'rith lodge in terms of the hundreds of thousands of dollars in Israel Bonds it has raised year after year.

This year's award recipient to be honored at the annual dinner in November will be Charles Goldlust. He will receive the United Jerusalem Award, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the re-unification of Jerusalem. Most appropriately, he is the 10th Yorkdale Lodge Bond leader to be selected as an honoree.

Rafael was appointed Israel's ambassador to the Court of St. James in June 1973. Before he took up his new post, however, the Yom Kippur War broke out and he served as a

Gideon Rafael

soldier on the Syrian front. He assumed his ambassadorial duties in London in January 1974. With the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Israel in March 1975, Rafael also was appointed Israel's first ambassador (non-resident) to Ireland.

He has had an unbroken record of leadership in his country's foreign service going back to the days prior to the establishment of the state. In 1945 he went to Europe to help prepare the Jewish case for the Nuremberg trials. He was a member of the Jewish Agency delegation to the UN which in 1947 presented Israel's claims for independence to the General Assembly.

During the dramatic debates in the UN before and after the Six Day War of 1967, it was he who presented Israel's case as its chief delegate. Following his service as ambassador to Great Britain, Rafael was appointed to his present post as ambassador extraordinary of Israel's Foreign Ministry.

War veterans band together

MONTREAL [Staff] —
With a potential of over 20,000 members, the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, together with Jewish war veterans from around the world now resident in Canada, feels it can form an influential voice in the community and effectively represent many Jews in Canada.

The JWV has conducted a nationwide membership drive over the past few months which has resulted in the addition of branches in three new cities — Toronto, Calgary and Saint John, N.B. There are also branches in Ottawa, Halifax, Vancouver, Winnipeg and, the national headquarters, Montreal.

The veterans ("the patriotic voice of Canadian Jewry") have come out strongly against separatism and were one of the sponsoring founders of the Quebec-Canada Organization. Their general meetings are open to the public and guest speakers have included Liberal MNAs George Springate and Dr. Victor Goldbloom.

The JWV's program of goals also includes an active stand in the field of civil rights, conservation, combatting anti-Semitism and efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry and Israel.

The association is open to all Jewish ex-servicemen now residing in Canada, as well as the veterans of the armed forces of Canada, or its allies, and those who have served in the Israeli defence forces. The JWV keeps a close working relationship with the Royal Canadian Legion.

The JWV of Canada are associated with Jewish veterans groups in other countries and sent a delegation to the first world assembly of Jewish war veterans held in Jersualem in January.

"The veteran has been forgotten for a long time," said honorary national commander Abner Kushner. "We don't intend to remain silent much longer.

(Leo Hausman photograph)
Dr. Norman W. Shaul (left) displays plaque he received this week at Israel Bonds function. Others from left are Lazar L. Lifschitz, Bonds director of synagogues and organizations, Campaign Chairman Kurt Rothschild, Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner of Clanton Synagogue and Dr. Yehuda P. Shields, congregation president.

Bonds division honors Dr. Shaul

TORONTO —
Dr. Norman W. Shaul, regarded as "Mr. Israel Bonds" by fellow-workers and supporters in the synagogue and landsmanshaften divisions of Bond campaigns over the past decade, was presented with the United Jerusalem Award on Sunday night.

Kurt Rothschild, general chairman of 1977 Toronto Bond drive, made the presentation. The occasion was the farewell reception tendered by Clanton Park Congregation honoring the Shaul family, who are leaving very shortly on aliyah to Israel.

Well-earned tribute was paid to Dr. Shaul for his dedication to his congregation, Clanton Park, which he served as president, and for his outstanding leadership on behalf of UJA and the Alpha Omega dental fraternity, B'nai B'rith and other organizations.

It was recalled that it was Dr. Shaul who first rallied financial support for Israel on the first day of the Yom Kippur War 10 years ago, by 100% participation of Clanton Park Synagogue members as Israel Bond purchasers, the first congregation in the city to achieve this.

Rothschild paid particular tribute to "the tireless and selfless devotion of Norman Shaul and the high principles by which he lived which set an example not only for his own family and friends, but for all who care deeply for Israel's future and development."

The inscription on the United Jerusalem Award presented to Dr. Shaul reads: "...On the historic occasion of the 10th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem and in tribute to his outstanding leadership in his community and in his congregation in providing the resources through Israel Bonds to help expand and develop Israel's economy and to keep Jerusalem united forever."

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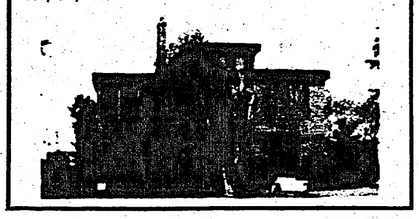

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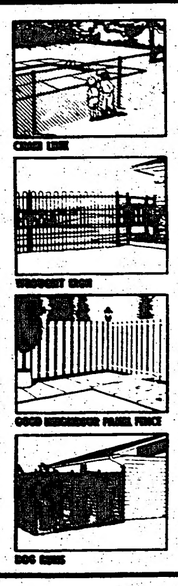
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Elegant, large home, oak-trimmed kitchen, adjoining laundry rm., 5 appliances, main flr. den, walkout to magnificent setting on a lot that is close to an acre. 45' in-ground pool, cabana, automatic sprinklers, 2 open fireplaces, rec. rm., games rm., sauna, central air, thousands of $$ in extras, 1 open mtge. Owner leaving country. Mrs. Ackerman, 636-5200.

Bathurst-Wilson
Beautiful detached 5 rm., garage, modern kitchen, appliances, 2 baths, professionally fnshd. bsmt. Move-in condition. Mrs. Baker, 636-5200.

Bathurst-Steeles
Luxury split level. Attached garage, Hollywood kitchen, built-in appliances, finished bsmt., panelled den, open fireplace, wet bar, 3 baths. Move-in condtn. Steps to Bathurst. Mrs. Klein, 636-5200.

Lil Rush R.E. Ltd. Realtor

HOUSES FOR SALE

TAL-RAM REAL ESTATE LTD. BROKER

Lower Village
2 Storey — Stone Tudor
One of a kind — a rare find on one of the best streets in the Village. Breathtaking exterior, loaded with character & worth. The "in works" completed to meet your appreciation (dream marble bathroom ensuite, ultra oak kitchen, 400 amps service, etc.). Tremendous size library on main, excellent entertaining size living & dining rooms, superb powder room. Fully panelled cathedral beamed study on 2nd or 5th bedroom. A "gem". Ronni Katz, 789-4325.

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Old Forest Hill Rd.
2 Storey — 7 Bedrooms
One of the very exceptional homes, tailored to meet discriminating requirements. Round reception hall (17' x 18'), panelled library, lounge room, 20' kitchen plus 14½' breakfast room. Living room of enormous proportions. Master bedroom has sitting-dressing room, 4 pc. ensuite & wood burning fireplace. Central air, 3-car garage, servant's quarters on 2nd floor, tremendous rec room. Michelle Levy, 789-4325.

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Bathurst-Eglinton—Splendid
$169,000. Fully modernized & decorated in most appealing elegant taste. This stone front 2 storey residence enjoys an inviting main floor centre hall plan with powder room & family room. 2 walkouts, fireplace & ultra kitchen. 5 bedrooms on 2nd, large master has ensuite washroom. Large modern walkout basement, separate maid's room off main floor. A comfortable family home. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Lower Village — 200 Ft. Lot
$245,000 — New Listing
A remarkable 2 storey, 5 bedroom residence featuring main floor den, powder room & ultra new kitchen. Centre hall styling, generous living & dining rooms, stained pegged floors, finished lower level, traditional detailing, updated facilities, prestigious street. Exclusive with Barry Tsur, 789-4325.

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Lovely Ridelle Ave.
Near Bathurst
$189,000. Just listed. A lovely contemporary 2 storey, well-maintained home with main floor panelled den. Natural wood kitchen (24' x 10'). 4 bedrooms, 4 washrooms, fully finished panelled basement with parquet floor. Central air, beautiful garden, open hallways, several walkouts. Mara Roebuck, 789-4325.

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Forest Hill Townhomes
Detached 2 storey homes planned for families, 3 bedrooms & sitting room, den on main, 3 washrooms, central air. Marion Davis, 789-4325.

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Alexandra Wood Area
On a 50' x 174' lot, charming 2 storey, 4 bedroom (or 3 plus den). Master ensuite, powder room on main. Updated facilities, fireplaces. Must sell, make offer. Syma Solomon, 789-4325.

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Glengrove-Bathurst
Attractive centre hall, panelled dining room, ultra equipped oak kitchen, 4 bedrooms on 2nd. Super basement, pool size lot. Michelle Levy, 789-4325.

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Chic — New — Central
Quality construction & finishes, fully equipped, beautiful baths, powder rooms, sauna. Walkout family room, bay windows & skylights. Call & see with Michelle Levy, 789-4325.

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Central — Tudor
Bathurst & Eglinton
$129,900. Centre hall, antique brick wall accentuates fireplace in living room, beamed cathedral ceiling dramatizes master bedroom, 3 other bedrooms & den, finished basement. Debbie McCrimmon, 789-4325.

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Chaplin-Yonge
An older home redesigned for present lifestyle. Country style kitchen, stucco & wood enriches feeling. In-ground heated kidney shape pool — a summer delight. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

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Timberlane Drive
Ravine — Golf Course
Backing onto one, overlooking the other, this ranch home has 6 bedrooms & library, king size kitchen, gym room & sauna. Walkout rec room to deck. Priced to sell. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

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Bathurst-Finch
$69,500. Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2 storey townhouse in this most desirable Forest Hills community. Finished basement with open fireplace, luxury broadloom, next to new appliances. Owner transferred. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Shelborne-Bathurst
Centre hall, 2 storey, 4 bedrooms, in top showing condition. Large separate breakfast room, panelled den on main, master ensuite (3-piece), central air, pool size garden. Myrna Stone, 789-4325.

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Old Forest Hill-Dunloe
6 Bedrooms & Family Room
Attended to with love & care. Entertaining size main floor. Magnificent dark panelling blends elegantly with white walls & traditional treatments. Powder room, redesigned kitchen, mud area, walkout basement. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

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Burton Rd. — $209,000
Lower Village — 2 Storey
New exclusive. Handsome stone & brick exterior, architect's residence. Spacious centre hall plan featuring generous living & dining rooms & new, smashing family addition (15' x 17'). Kitchen connects to separate large breakfast room. Exciting new master (addition) has dressing & sitting area, bathroom ensuite with skylight. 4 other bedrooms & 3 other washrooms. Pool size lot. Excellent value. Barry Tsur, 789-4325.

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Lower Village — $165,000
Just listed. Close to the Village shopping, this home is less than 2 years young. Main floor offers 2 storey living room, open fireplace & walkout. Kitchen has quarry tiled floor, breakfast area & private terrace. Lovely den, finished rec room with sunken bar room. 3 lovely bedrooms, master ensuite, 2 powder rooms, floating oak staircase, stained floors, air conditioning, intercom. Interesting design & layout. Renee Bald, 789-4325.

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Luxury Condominium
Prestigious — 66 Collier
Near Bloor & Bay. 1,800 sq. ft. of beautiful living space. 2 excellent bedrooms plus study connecting great living room. Balconies provide "leisure garden" overlooking ravine, marble bathroom and super dressing room makes master complete. Panelling, stone floors & other expensive treatments. Debbie McCrimmon, 789-4325.

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the Permanent

Bathurst North
Five beautiful good buys & one fantastic rental! $40,000 down, executive 2-storey backsplit, sidesplit, 4 bedrooms upstairs, 3 & 4 bedroom bungalows. Close to bus. Also for rent, $1,000/mon., a perfect, exquisite, huge 2-storey home. You name it, it's got it! 2-year lease. July 1st possession. Esther Sher, 223-2110 or 633-4233.

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Thornhill Executive
2 Storey — 4 Bedrooms
$109,500. On quiet crescent. Huge master, walk-in closet, 4-piece ensuite, spacious kitchen with large breakfast area. Panelled family room with open fireplace and walkout to pool-sized lot, main-floor laundry, dbl. garage, central air. Joel Kaplansky, 223-2110 or 225-1020.

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Leslie-Cummer
El Greco Model
4 bedrooms, king-sized master, huge kitchen overlooking panelled family room with stone fireplace & walkout to level basement. Good financing. Joel Kaplansky, 223-2110 or 225-1020.

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Luxury "Costain" Townhome
$65,900. Gorgeous Thornhill 3-bedroom end unit, king-sized master, bright spacious kitchen, finished family room, walkout to private yard. 2 floor-to-ceiling brick fireplaces, central air, in-ground pool, terrific mortgage. Owner transferred; must sell. Joel Kaplansky, 223-2110 or 225-1020.

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King Cross Estates
Unique in design describes this 4-bedroom ultra-modern home situated on over 2 acres of land, with spring-fed trout pond. (Also suitable for horses.) 3-car garage, magnificent reception hall conducive for entertaining, king-size kitchen has walkout, huge master bedroom has dressing area 17' x 11'. Family room adjoining sunken living room has dual fireplace. For directions & details, call Sarah Rovet, 226-3333 or 221-6507.

HOUSES FOR SALE

Harvey Kalles

Bathurst-Sheppard
Ravine setting, in-ground pool, palatial 8 room, 2 storey home. $184,900. Finished basement. "Country living in the city". Harvey Kalles, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Leslie—$169,500
You will find excellent value in this quality-built 2 storey home. Features include family room, laundry room and superb walkout lower level. Located near the best schools. Call Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

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Thornhill Charmer
$174,900
Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac. Elegant 2 storey five bedroom home, centrally air conditioned. Main floor family and laundry room, 3 fireplaces, concrete in-ground pool surrounded by landscaped gardens. Call Anne or Bea, 226-9440.

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Eglinton and Glen Cedar
Immaculate 2 storey brick centre hall family home, 3 bedrooms, good size master. Kitchen has a door leading which leads into a cheery kitchen & has a door leading to garden. Lower level contains a recreation room, 3 bathrooms. Undisputed value at $112,500. Leni Brown, 226-9440.

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Denlow-Sanfield
Impeccable design and construction and generous lot built for your lasting comfort — imperial ultra-modern teak kitchen with large centre island, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths on second floor. Alma or Elaine, 226-9440.

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Elegant Lower Forest Hill
Home — $245,000
Luxury home for the good life. A charming stone residence in an excellent location near all the necessary amenities. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths on second floor, 2 fireplaces, oak staircase, lovely mantels and woodwork, beautiful study, large principal room, modern kitchen of immense charm. Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Connoisseur's Contemporary
On Misty Cres. — $450,000
Indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi — located in a most desirable section at York Mills and Bayview. The marriage of stone, rare woods, expanse of glass, skylights and inferior planting areas creates a truly natural environment. Call Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Charlton Blvd. — $129,900
Custom-built 4 bedroom, huge ground level family room, spacious dining room with walkout to covered patio, and pool-sized lot, central air. Joan Grant, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Bayview
Old Colony Road
French Chateau — $359,000. Spacious and elegant house set in an atmosphere of quiet dignity and charm, planked floors, quarry tiles, impressive entrance hall, drawing room, family room and library — all a perfect blend of taste, quality and ease of maintenance for today's lifestyle. Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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York Mills-Old Yonge
For you who appreciate quality this superb 4 bedroom bungalow will give you the feeling of owning a genuine masterpiece. Enjoy resort luxury in your own backyard with a beautifully designed pool. Lee Landsberg, 226-9440.

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$320,000 — Nomad Crescent
French Colonial superbly constructed for comfortable living and memorable entertaining. 5 bedrooms, master suite his and her bath, sitting room, roof garden, white ceramic, pegged oak floors, the very best of everything. Elise Kalles, 226-9440.

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Cummer — $75,900
Semi-detached 3 bedroom bungalow, lower level walkout, three washrooms, finished basement, close to schools and TTC. Call Alma or Elaine, 226-9440.

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Bayview-Cummer
Beautiful 4 bedroom home, family kitchen, walkout to gorgeous pool area plus enclosed patio, gas barbeque, many extras. Owners have bought. Mary Siegel, 226-9440.

$94,500 — Just Listed
Finch & Leslie
Priced to sell. Central air, 4 bedroom home with fireplace and walkout to kidney-shaped pool. Playroom and private den for Dad. Garage and many extras. This won't last. Call Mary Siegel, 226-9440.

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York Mills Gardens
Exceptional 2 storey executive home, 4 large bedrooms, den on main floor and finished rec room with fireplace and wet bar, beautiful trees and shrubbery on 100' x 125' lot. $199,500. Call Hilary Cohen, 226-9440.

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Bayview-Finch
$126,900
Lovely four bedroom backsplit, features family room with fireplace and walkout to super lot. Many extras. Call Eileen Cohen, 226-9440.

Harvey Kalles

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Harvey Kalles

Bathurst Manor
3 bedroom bungalow, entertainment size living and dining room plus rec room, move-in condition. Call B. Estrin or A. Kirshenbaum, 226-9440.

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Strathearn Road—Cedar Vale
Must be sold. Situated in area of higher priced homes. Spacious custom built, 8 room, 2 storey, centre hall plan. Full size lot backing onto green belt. Reduced to $137,000. Don't miss this bargain. Call Frances Alter, 226-9440.

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Denlow Estates — $167,500
Superbly decorated, immaculately kept home on large well landscaped lot with in-ground heated pool suitable for young executive family. Call Alma Rosenthal, 226-9440.

Harvey Kalles

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"New Exclusive" Estate
Park Lane Circle — 2.7 Acres
Pool — Tennis Court
Splendid custom 2 storey stone residence offers 10,000 square feet of "exquisite" living space with every desirable comfort of "today's" modern lifestyle. Its design is dominated by a stunning circular staircase up & down from a vast entrance 32' in diameter. 6 bedrooms, several reception rooms, servant quarters, fully finished basement level, & truly park-like grounds. Unparalleled quality construction awaits the finishing touch of a new owner! Sheila Allen Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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Dunvegan Road
Lower Forest Hill
$259,900. Exceptional 175' property with spacious 3 storey comfortable residence. Modernized kitchen, elegant living & dining rooms off deep centre hall, 5 or 6 bedrooms, study, sauna — extensive improvements. Superb value for the larger family! Sheila Allen-Tittle, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

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New Listing — Upper Village
$210,000. East of Bathurst — quality built, 2 storey family home with all the "today's" requirements. 4 double bedrooms, master has ensuite, outstanding stylish kitchen, fully applianced, ground floor panelled den and guest powder rooms. Large sunken living-dining rooms with beautifully stained oak floors. Lower level posh family room lounge — double garage, central air, pool size lot. A choice offering! Florence Skelly, 488-6666 or 922-3639.

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First Offering—Upper Village
$164,900. A most attractive "centre hall" 4 bedroom family home in spotless condition. Modern kitchen with generous eating area. Ground floor luxurious family room addition overlooking a pretty landscaped pool size garden. Master has ensuite, ground floor guest powder room, central air — many interesting details. Florence Skelly, 488-6666 or 922-3639.

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Lonsdale House Condo
3 Bedrooms — Ravine
$124,900. September occupancy in this rarely available situation in Lower Forest Hill Village! 2 full baths, in-suite laundry room, ultra modern kitchen, 7 top line appliances — 24 hour doorman, indoor pool, handsome party room — every luxury! Sheila Allen-Tittel, 488-6666 or 782-3643.

The Royal Trust Company Realtor

Bathurst-Neptune
$29,900. 2 bdrm, co-op apt. in adult bldg, balcony, appliances. Mrs. Szekely, (416) 961-4444.

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Sheppard-Wilmington
Just reduced, $20,000 down. Oversized sidesplit, 3 bdrms, den, rec rm., wet bar, large living-dining rms, Hollywood kit. 125' lot. Joe Salomon, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Wilson
$30,000 down. Beautiful 2 storey, 4 bdrms, family rm, 3 baths, fin. bsmt., 2 car elect. garage, owner must sell. Mrs. Benegbi, (416) 635-1170.

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Bathurst-Baycrest
Huge impeccable custom built ranch bungalow, wide entrance in ceramics, giant ultra mod. kitchen, bsmt, apt & rec rm. Near Bathurst & synagogues. M. Bornstein, (416) 635-1170.

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Wilmington-Overbrook
$89,000. Gorgeous ranch bungalow, huge living-dining, 3 good bdrms, 2 baths, ultra mod. kitchen, 6 top appliances, brdlm, drapes, air cond. Must sell. Mrs. Carnona, (416) 635-1170.

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Paul Slavens
Real Estate Ltd. Realtor

Bayview Estate — $495,000
Superbly situated on picturesque 3 acre grounds. Main residence features 4 bedrooms, unique mezzanine library, separate dining room, huge living room with adjoining music room, exciting gourmet kitchen, outstanding family room with beamed cathedral ceiling and open fireplace. Beautiful gardens, tennis court, heated in-ground pool, coach house plus change rooms. Call Harold Hillman, 483-4337.

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Forest Hill — Just Listed
$287,000
A true showcase of decor and design make this 2 storey home an outstanding residence. Featuring 21' marble entrance hall, spiral staircase to upper and lower level. Den, family room with oak pegged floors, copper hooded open fireplace, cathedral skylight ceiling and walkout to breath-taking Japanese garden. Modern equipped kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, master with separate dressing room and 5 piece ensuite. Lower level rec room with wet bar, games room, sauna, maid's quarters & all the amenities you could wish for. Call Eleanor Stanton, 483-4337 or 445-0923.

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Lower Cedarvale — $159,500
Outstanding custom home, large principal rooms, spacious modern kitchen, powder room & family room on main level, 3 bedrooms (king-size master with bath ensuite), central air & more. Call Shirley Bassin, 483-4337 or 638-3339.

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English Tudor — $149,500
Charm and interesting details make this centre hall plan home unique and special. Centrally air-conditioned, large living room with fireplace and walkout to garden, beautiful dining room, modern kitchen, panelled library, main floor powder room, 4 large bedrooms, 4 baths, finished lower level with walkout. Many extras. Don't miss this one. Call Rose Caplan, 483-4337 or 783-3879.

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Forest Hill — $137,990
Ideal home for the growing family, located east of Bathurst, spacious centre hall, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, main floor den with walkout to garden, centrally air-conditioned. See with Shirley Bassin, 483-4337 or 638-3339.

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HOUSES FOR SALE

michael konsker REALTOR ltd.

Lower Forest Hill
$179,900. A home with real character. Solid brick & limestone. 2½-storey, 9 very spacious rooms, elegant oak trim throughout, beautifully finished basement. Lot is landscaped to perfection. M. Konsker, 652-1400.

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Glencairn-Bathurst
$15,000 down! Solid-brick detached 2-storey, 12 ultra-spacious rooms, absolutely immaculate condition! Custom-built, dble. garage, ideal duplex or charming 1-family home. Call now! M. Konsker, 652-1400.

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Briar Hill Executive
Charming brick & stone residence, spacious living/dining room combination, panelled den, large kitchen & breakfast area. Circluar staircase leads to 5 bdrms., 4-pc. bath & walk-in closets ensuite. Maid's quarters, 40' x 18' rec room with open fireplace & wet bar. Central air, many extras. Owner bought. Call Bob Colomby, 447-5551.

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Bathurst-Dewlane
$114,900. Large 10-room brick sidesplit, 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2-car garage, close to schools & transportation. Call Bob Colomby, 447-5551. Hallmark Realty.

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Bathurst Manor
Reduced to Sell!
3 bedroom bungalow on exceptional lot. Central air, new kitchen, complete basement apt. Owners transferred! Ruth Trachter, 633-7777.

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Bathurst & Finch
3 bedroom semi, modern kitchen, finished basement, carpeting, lovely backyard. Steps to shopping, schools, TTC. Mrs. B. Jesin, 633-7777.

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Clanton Park-Palm Dr.
Early Possession!
Immaculate 3 bedroom sidesplit. Ideal first home! Double drive, finished basement, walkout from family room. One open mtge. Ruth Trachter, 633-7777.

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Erica Ave.
Off Palm Dr., 3 bedroom bungalow, spacious kitchen with separate eating area, party size living & dining rooms, finished basement, central air, expensive extras. Rose Simon, 633-7777.

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4 Bedroom Backsplit
Bathurst Manor
Central air, ultra modern kitchen, walkout, 24' living room, 33' family room & panelled den on walkout level. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Expensive extras! This is a dream home! Pearl Dennis, 633-7777.

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Bathurst-Sheppard
Luxury Condominium
3 bedrooms and 2 bedrooms plus den. Heated pool. Two saunas. Gym room, etc. Make offer! Nat Stein, 633-7777.

Leslie-Steeles
Open Week-End 12-5
East of Leslie, S. of Steeles! Going fast! 4 Bedroom trilevel and 2 storey. Approx. 2,800 sq. ft. Central air cond. Decorated to your taste. Double garage. A few on ravine. From $118,000 up. Ida Weisfeld, 633-7777.
Rose Hersh Ltd., Realtor

HELEN RUTH SOLNIK & RYBAK REAL ESTATE LTD.

Bathurst-Lawrence
Spacious ten room split, attached double garage, 4 baths, finished basement, broadloomed, drapes, appliances. Must be sold. Helen Arbus, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Lawrence
Spacious 6 room bungalow, pool-sized lot, attached garage, master has ensuite, 2 other baths, finished basement with second kitchen, broadloomed, drapes, appliances. Move-in condition. Helen Solnick, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Viewmount Ave.
$76,900
Solid brick 6 room bungalow 2 baths, finished basement, attached garage, one open mortgage. Mrs. Rybak, 789-7138.

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Bathurst-Wilson — $73,900
6 room solid brick attached garage, living room with open fireplace, dining room has walkout to patio, bright kitchen, broadloom, appliances. Howard Sud, 789-7138.

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Bayview-Steeles — $80,900
8 room backsplit, Hollywood kitchen, 2 baths, attached garage, walking distance to synagogues and all amenities. Carl Kotick, 789-7138.

HOUSES FOR SALE

DEL REALTY INC REALTOR

Open House Sun. 2-4:30 PM
Bathurst N. of Wilson
34 Lyonsgate Dr. 6 rm extra large 2 storey, modern kitchen & bathrms, powder rm, 2 w/o's, rec rm. Vendor bought. Immediate possession. View with Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
6 rm. Forest Hill bungalow, 18 yrs old, 2 baths, rec rm, attached garage, one owner, close to all amenities. Call Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
4 plex on Markdale Ave. 5 rms each, excellent bldg, owner occupied, appliances, 4 garages, private drive. Call Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Bathurst & Faywood Reduced
Brick bungalow, 3 bdrms, finished rec rm, including cedar closet, wet bar & cantina. Large kitchen, built-in oven, counter top stove, for dishwasher, gas barbeque, broadloom, central air. For appointments, please call Bette Ursini, 661-5270.

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Bathurst & Manor
5 bdrm stone front executive sidesplit, extra large rms, modern kitchen, rec rm, bar attached, garage, close to bus, schools, shopping. Call Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Bathurst South of Steeles
Immaculate & oversized 3 bdrm split, double garage, large living/dining rms, great kitchen, 3 baths, central air. Many extras. S. Farb, 661-3640.

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Bayview Golf Club
Magnificent 6,000 sq. ft. house situated on superb 1/3 acre estate suitable for any size family, features huge living rm & kitchen, large separate dining rm, pool, sauna, 7 baths. S. Farb, 661-3640.

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Don Mills & Sheppard
$37,900. Luxurious 3 bdrm penthouse suite, 1½ baths, 4 appliances, den & utility rm, outdoor pool. Only $3,500 down. Call Mr. Leon Soberman, 661-3640.

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Don Mills & Steeles
Immaculate 4 bdrm detached 2 storey semi with main den & fireplace, great kitchen, garage, central air, many extras. S. Farb, 661-3640.

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Don Mills & McNicoll
$129,900. Extremely well built, plastered, 5 bdrms, 2 storey home, 3 baths, 50x120 lot, 2,600 sq. ft. of finished space, 3 w/o's, only 2 yrs. old, broadloom & many extras. 9½% 1st due in 1999. Call today Mr. Leon Soberman, 661-3640.

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Leslie & Steeles — $86,900
Exclusive...just listed! Fantastic 2 storey with 4 bdrms plus main floor den & powder rm, ultra modern kitchen, central air, broadloom, finished rec. rm. Must be seen. Call Ruth Straughan, 661-3640.

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Brockington Cres.
Bathurst Manor
Custom built 5 bdrm., 2-storey on beautiful ravine lot. Over 4,000 sq. ft. of luxurious living space. Features include walkout to balconies on 2 upper levels, 2 completely panelled dens w. beautiful built-ins, large main bathrm. with sunken tub, 4 other bathrms., grand circular staircase, completely finished walkout basement, 2 furnaces, 2 air conditioning units, etc. etc. Sonia Lipperman, 661-3640.

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Bathurst-Eglinton
Forest Hill area. 2 storey home, 3 bdrm., breakfast rm., 2 baths, rec. rm., garage. Close to all amenities. Call Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

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Wanted
I have a buyer somewhere in the 250 to 300 thousand market who is looking to either build or buy in the York Mills area. If you are interested, please contact me personally & confidentially at 661-3640. Mr. Leon Soberman.

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North Bathurst
Open House, Sunday June 12
2-4 PM at 464 Patricia Ave.
Quality-built 4-bdrm. home in absolute move-in cndtn., plus in-demand area. Family rm. with walkout to large gdn., panelled den, beautifully finished bsmt., sauna. A decorator's delight with loads of extras. Mrs. Feldman, 661-3640.

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Wanted Homes to Sell
Interested in selling or buying. Please call. Our friendly appraiser & I are at your service without obligation. Rose Goldhar, 661-3640.

Brethour Homes for living

Open House
120 York Downs Drive
Sat. & Sun. June 11th & 12th
2-4 p.m.
Bathurst-York Downs Drive. Large side split, attached garage, 3 bedrooms plus den, 2 finished baths, rec room with extra kitchen appliances. One mortgage. Steps to synagogue. Call Ruth Silver, 226-1262 or 633-9788.

HOUSES FOR SALE

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Lower Forest Hill Village
$349,000. Stately 6-bedroom home redesigned by Napier Simpson, combining traditional elegance with modern comforts. Large master suite with separate dressing room & bath, walnut panelled library on main, gourmet kitchen 26' x 14'6". 3rd floor leisure hideaway. Fine features throughout — rare mouldings, beams. Elaine Goldenberg, 789-7351.

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For sale in Jerusalem — new 3 room apartment. Large kitchen, centrally situated and centrally heated, parking lot. Fourth floor with panoramic view of the city. For further information, call 762-0405. 17

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A wonderful investment. 80 acres bordering Lagoon City. Reasonable. Also lakeshore lot in Lagoon City. A. Katz, 638-3780. R

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Girl, 28, self confident, liking simple life, intellectual pursuits, seeks bachelor capable of sincere mature relationship. Box 4881, CJN, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Suite 401, Toronto, Ont. M4P 1P1. 10

Learn to dance. Make new friends. 8 private lessons — $10.00. 781-0691. R

Attractive, educated young lady, would like to meet a modern Jewish man over 30. Details. 536-2897 after 5 p.m. 10

Widower seeks middle-aged companion who also likes dancing often. 782-8117. R

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Solly Freedman** will take place on Sunday, June 12, 1977, 11 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Shaarei Tefillah section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 10

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Benjamin Klayman** will take place on sunday, June 12, 1977 at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, United Jewish People's Order section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 10

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **William Fishman**, husband of Rose, father of Dr. Steven Fishman, Morton Fishman and Bryna Steiner, brother of Min Eisenstein and Sophie Pancer will take place on Sunday, June 12th, 10:30 a.m. at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Linitzer section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 10

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Sarah Atkins**, mother of Mr. Morris Atkins, Mr. Ben Atkins, Mr. Mike Atkins, Mrs. Bess Gelman and Mrs. Shirley Zarnett will take place on June 12th, 10:00 a.m. at Mount Sinai Cemetery, Lubovitch section, 986 Wilson Ave. W. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 10

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Barnartt, Benjamin - On May 12, late of 103 West Lodge Avenue

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Besen, Elizabeth - On May 25, late of 1574 Bathurst St. #48

Brinder, Maurice - On May 19, late of 68 Marathon Cres.

Cadsby, Rose - On May 24, late of 38 Montclair Ave.

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Fishman, Gussie - On May 16, late of 44 Glenayr Road

Handley, Bessie - On May 12, late of 10 Humewood Ave.

Herman, Samuel - On May 20, late of 525 Chaplin Cres.

Kirshenblatt, David - On May 24, late of 25 Elmridge Drive

Levoff, Fanny - On May 14, late of 1654 Bathurst Street

Lewin, Lipman - On May 18, late of 11 Sirocco Drive

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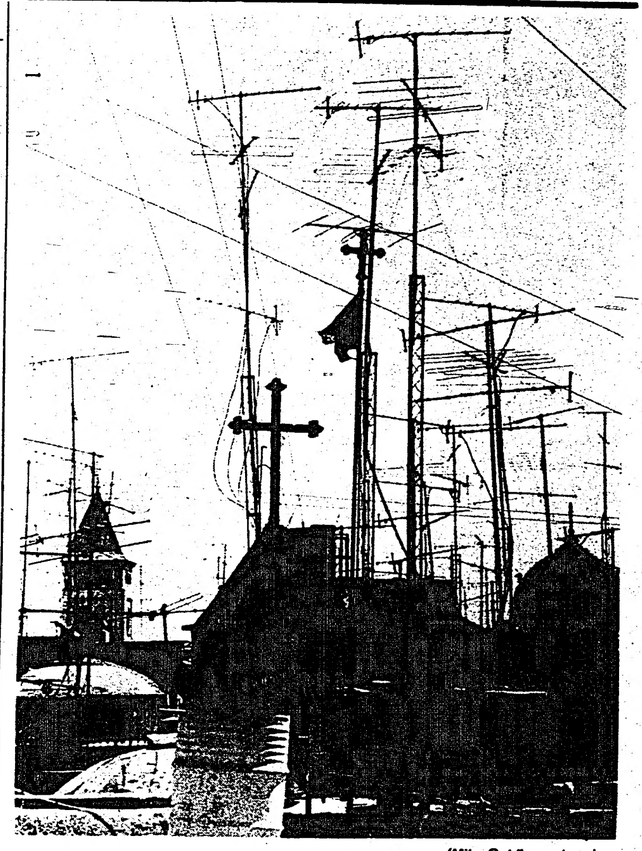

(Mike Goldberg photo)

Crosses compete for space with TV antennas in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Jews should adapt to Quebec situation

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among French Canadians in general does not disturb Finestone. He was one of the people teacher union leader Yvon Charbonneau called an "economic terrorist" at a recent conference on Quebec's economy.

Finestone shrugged off the remark good-naturedly and maintained that it was not anti-Semitic, but rather the slogan of a man who wants to tear down society.

Jews must react as citizens of Canada, said Finestone. The community's leadership "should not sit quietly by and see what happens, but take an active, not activist, role in seeing to Jewish needs."

The PQ is unswerving in its commitment to total independence, Finestone warned. "We must never allow ourselves to be deceived by the barrage of ministerial statements, by small victories on small points, by the calm and reasoned speeches of Messrs. Levesque and Laurin....If we fall into this trap, particularly as a community, we will be dealing with peripheral issues in lieu of our actual problems."

He finds it hard to believe many Jews, even if they are threatening to, will leave the province. "The sky hasn't fallen in, nobody has really been hurt. **We've just got to** hang in there and stay cool."

Jerusalem Day parade

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Hadassah-WIZO's balloon-laden float emphasizing the theme of Youth Aliyah, to name but a few.

One large float, recreating the walls of Jerusalem, bore the large inscription: "They should know war no more". It was dotted with schoolchildren dressed in Chassidic, Greek Orthodox and Arab garb to symbolize the spirit of religious tolerance Jerusalem strives to promote.

Perhaps the most striking entry of the parade was the CZF float, a huge sunflower decked out with the flags of Canada, Quebec and Israel bearing the words: "Zionism is the living link with Israel."

The parade began across from the 'Y' at the corner of Westbury Avenue, made its way down Van Horne Avenue to Cote des Neiges as far as Edouard Monpetit Avenue and they back to Westbury.

Following the parade, upwards of 2,000 people gathered in Mackenzie King Park where a country fair atmosphere prevailed. For those who were hungry, there were Jaffa oranges and falafel in abundance.

Among those addressing the crowd were Zvi Caspi, consul general of Israel, General Uzi Narkis, who commanded the army divisions which recaptured Jerusalem in 1967, Phil Givens, CZF national president, Mayor Bernard Lang of Cote St. Luc and Deputy Mayor Roger Roy, representing Mayor Jean Drapeau.

Maccabiah tennis team

MONTREAL —
Maccabiah Games tennis trials were concluded in Montreal last week and the following are on the Canadian team:

Steve Rogul, Toronto; Myron Grunberg, Montreal; Mike Zimmerman, Toronto; John Schacter, Montreal; Della Lubin and Pam Gollish, Toronto.

The veterans' contingent (over 45 years of age) is made up of Alvin Rosenberg of Toronto and Joey Richman, Dave Sigler and Henri Schlinder of Montreal.

New 'Y' facilities opened

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To Wilfred Posluns, who served as campaign chairman as well as president, a special award of a bronze model of Nathan Rappaport's statue, "Jacob Wrestling with the Angels" (a miniature of the 11-foot-tall sculpture which will stand in front of the 'Y'), was presented by Bert Fine, honorary vice-president.

Alex Grossman, a member of the campaign cabinet, commented that Green "had to supervise personally every aspect of the construction," then awarded him a medal of merit.

Marvelle Koffler, first chairman of the cultural arts branch and instrumental in both the conception and execution of the design, received her medal of merit from Bernard Dales.

In the absence of scheduled presenter Alex Fisher, honorary vice-president, Dales made a similar award to Fine who, he said, "convinced the board of governors to undertake the completion program and then pitched in whole-heartedly to make it happen."

Fred Tittel, personnel chairman, introduced David Andrews, executive vice-president, and, with a medal of merit, congratulated him on the completion of the program.

Harold Green presented awards to his construction committee: Bert Fine, Hersh Fogel, Gerry Granek and Alex Tobias.

Wilfred Posluns performed the same act for campaign cabinet members Bert Fine, Alex Fisher (in absentia), Joel Greisman, Alex Grossman, Daniel Kert, Richard Lorie, Louis Ronson, William Singer, Fred Tittel and John Wahl.

The mood of the day was best summed up by Harold Green: "It's been worth the effort and we had a lot of fun doing it."

Election of Likud's Begin

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slovakia of the third world war. We will not permit it."

At the meeting, tribute was paid to George Liban for 25 years of service with the ZOC and the Toronto Zionist Council. Besides Torczyner, Phil Givens, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Daniel Monson, ZOC Charitable Fund chairman and ZOC president Rabbi David Monson, among others, were on hand to remember old times. An auditorium at the ZOC Youth Centre in the Jerusalem Forest, a project Liban helped initiate, will be dedicated in his honor.

A new slate of officers for the Toronto Zionist Council was selected, with Helen Smolack retaining the presidency.

Jerusalem Day picnic is smashing hit for CZF

TORONTO —

Somewhere on the back nine of the former York Downs Golf Course, now Earl Bales Park, the Shema Yisroel Orchestra was playing another hora-inducing musical treat.

A road sign pointed the way to "Yerushalyim" and just beyond the trash bin bearing the Israeli flag, more than 1,500 people had liberated a grassy knoll on which to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the re-unification of Jerusalem.

It was the Canadian Zionist Federation's first Jerusalem Day picnic and it was a hit.

Elliot Sargon, CZF executive director and picnic organizer, said "it could very well become an annual event for us" and explained that Jerusalem Day was being celebrated nationally. He stressed the varied religious ideologies of the participating movements, saying it demonstrated observant and non-observant Jews alike were united in the belief that Jerusalem is central to Judaism.

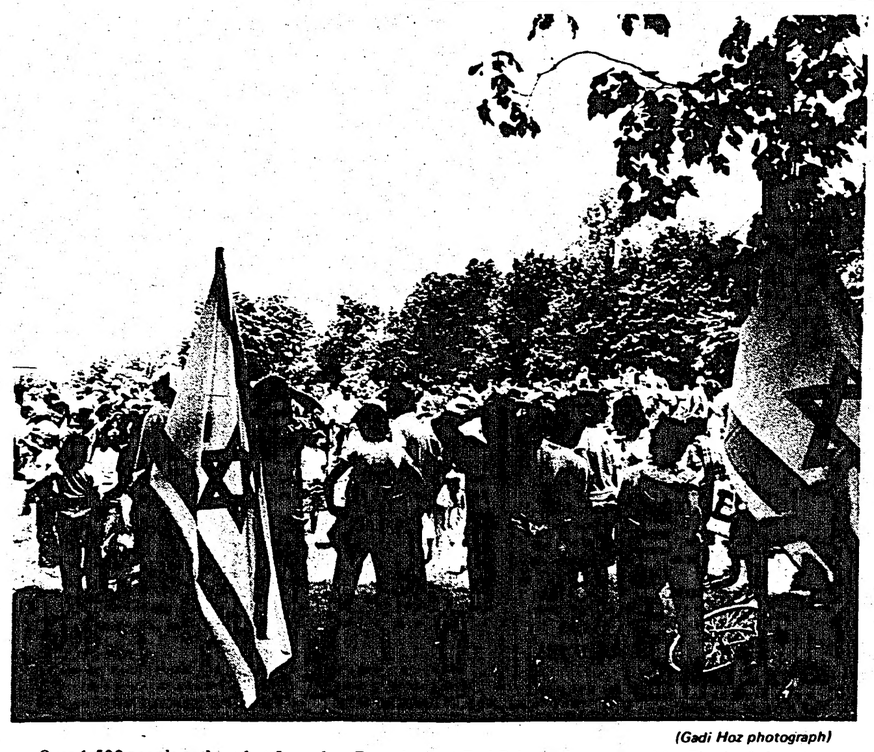
Zionist youth movements B'nai Akiva and Hashomer Hatzair provided theatre, dance and Hebrew folk songs which focused on the importance of Jerusalem in Jewish life, while tug-of-war championships were being fought in an area dubbed significantly as Jaffa Gate.

Impromptu soccer games dodged around other athletic events for which badges were dispensed. For the less physically oriented, falafel and cold drinks were sold.

But many Toronto Zionists, being a self-reliant bunch, brought their own, and tables laden with traditional picnic fare were in evidence.

CZF President Max Shector welcomed the enormous gathering, which comprised members of every age category, as the picnicers took advantage of excellent weather to tone up their tans.

There were few mishaps, considering the size of the crowd and apart from several children slipping off the course into wooded gullies surrounding it, most celebrants returned home a bit browner with the tune of "B'Shana Haba" ringing in their ears.



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Over 1,500 people gathered at Jerusalem Day picnic at Earl Bales park sponsored by Zionist federation.

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Russian-born designer prepares fashion show

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

A couturiere from Kiev? Absolutely! And Rima Barmak, who came here from the Soviet Union with her family less than three years ago, combines the elegance of French haute couture with the craftsmanship learned in her native country.

The Russian-born designer is currently preparing a collection for an "All-Season Fashion Show" sponsored by Ner Israel Yeshiva Women's Auxiliary at the Hotel Triumph on Wednesday June 15 at 1:30 p.m.

Adapting to our lifestyle, she has included a denim selection — swingy afternoon casuals, tailored suits, appliqued evening skirts co-ordinated with exquisite batiste blouses.

The Soviet designer, a vibrant woman in her mid-40s, is the product of impressive training.

In 1946, when Russian women were certainly not style-conscious, she already exhibited a special flair in sewing her own clothes. Her mother, recognizing the potential, encouraged her to enter a small factory where she worked as a machine operator during the day, and attended high school at night.

So striking were the clothes which she continued to design and wear herself that people would stop her in the street to ask if she would sew for them. "I still remember a bright red coat she wore when I first met her," her husband Effem recalls. "Good fabrics were scarce, but she cut and pieced so carefully that everything was a work of art."

In 1950, Rima was invited to enter one of the best salons, a 'fashion laboratory,' to make specials.

The director of a large factory, whose wife wore her clothes, became interested and she was enrolled in a four year fashion design course. Before she had even completed it, she was asked to work at the largest house in the area devoted to individualized production. Here she remained for 10 years, designing a new four-season collection each year.

Married now, with two sons, Vladi and Dmitri, she wanted scope for her profession, but in the Soviet Union there was no choice. She felt particularly repressed when the minister of light industry, a woman, demanded that she sew constantly for her and her friends, and made it impossible for her to transfer to another city.

Finally in May 1973, Rima and Effem, feeling stifled as Jews and as creative people, applied for a visa to Israel, their only hope for leaving the country.

Effem immediately lost his job and Rima, uneasy at the Fashion House, stayed home to sew for private customers. They scraped along for six months until quite suddenly the visa was granted.

Their intention had been to come to Canada, but they say that any Soviet citizen, Jew or non-Jew, can only leave the country by asking to go to Israel.

Here in Toronto, Effem was able to find employment in his field and Rima worked for an Eglinton Avenue designer. Now she is embarking on an independent career.

Vladi, 23, who was an architecture student in Kiev, studies drafting at Humber College, and Dmitri (now Jimmy) attends Keiller Mackay Collegiate Institute. Both sons are creative like their parents, and Vladi has exhibited some Russian primitives at the Engels Gallery.

He has also done an exceptional trilogy portraying the emergence from suppression in the Soviet Union to freedom here, which, he says, would be 'dangerous' to show in the country of his birth. A group of his paintings will be on display at the Ner Israel fashion show.

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From time to time JIAS submits for publication lists of "Relatives sought" and this is another of such lists appearing below. If you know the whereabouts of the persons listed, please contact immediately the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS) 152 Beverley Street, Toronto – 363-7231.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – JUNE, 1976

2. VABILEV, Beila, in Canada since 1915 presumably a resident of Toronto, born in Kherson, Russia, 1885, has three daughters and one son, a brother Rafael Mastinski, moved from New York to Toronto, sought by Mary Gurevich.

3. SILVIO, Gordon, from Argentina, in Canada, presumably Toronto, since 1968, sought by cousin, Mauricio Krein, Israel.

5. FELBERBAUM, Isaac, born in Lodz, Poland, 65, has a sister, Emilia, sought by Joey Greenspoon, London, Canada.

6. TABACHNIK, Simcha, in Canada since 1928, born Kishiniov, Romania now Russia, son of Iosif and Sonia, nee Shatz, sought by uncle, Zalman Reiner, now in Israel.

7. MATUSOV, David, son of Haim and Beila, born in Belaya-Tzerkov, Russia, has a son, Haim, sought by niece, Klara Rubinstein, now in Israel, born in Belaya-Tzerkov, 50, daughter of Shmilik and Hanna, nee Matushanski.

8. ROCHLIN, Emanuel, son of Liova and Eva, born in Tchernovitz, Bucovina, physician, sought by daughter, N. Gropko, daughter of Emanuel and Antonia, born in Bucovina, 65, Emanuel in Canada since 1948.

9. GLINKIEWICZ, Chana, born in Warsaw, Poland, daughter of Jankel and Jochwed, nee Tzereznia, 65, presumably a resident of Toronto, had an aunt, Rosita Czeresnia, in Canada since 1913, has a brother Erik Glinkiewicz, married name unknown, sought by sister, Frima-Feiga Waksman, nee Glinkiewicz, 60, residing in Buenos-Aires, Argentina.

15. HOROWITZ, Leon, born in Warsaw, Poland, 72, son of Mordechai and Pola (Pauline), nee Shapiro, had a son Metek, 5'2", sought by sister, Stefa Gilfiks, Ormond Beach, Florida.

19. SHEFFER, David, born in Budapest, 82, in Toronto or Montreal, sought by nephew, Jeno Yakob Popper, Israel.

20. SHEFFER, Alexander, born in Budapest, Hungary, 77, sought by nephew, Jeno Yakob Popper, Israel.

21. JACOB, Mihail, born in Romania, 82, has brothers — Isadore, Adolf, Jeno — and sisters — Yohana and Matilda — a son Joseph, sought by nephew, David Jacob, son of Martin and Maria, nee Ferber, Toronto.

22. SHULATSKER, Shmulik, born in Blazenevka, Russia, has a sister, Rachel, sought by aunt, Rachel Vachnavetsky, nee Bakaleynik, teacher, in Russia, City of Vinnitza.

23. HVILITSKY, Jacob, presumably residing in Niagara Falls, in Canada since 1927, born in Leningrad, 80, wife, Rita and son, Josef, sought by nephew, Michael Hvilitsky, Israel.

24. SPEKTOR, Abram, Toronto, born in Kanela near Kiev, Russia, son of Shlioma (Solomon), daughters Bella and Lea, sister Betia Marianovskaya, sought by Aleksander Marianovsky, of Odessa, Russia.

25. CHARNEY, Max or Philip, in the cloak and dress business, originating from Kielce, Poland, sought by cousin, Meyer Goodman, Bronx, N.Y.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – JULY, 1976

1. LIPSZYC, Ariel-Israel, born in Lenczyce, Poland, 60, sought by cousin, Ewa Lipinska, nee Lipszyc, daughter of Adam and Felicia, nee Hoffman, husband's name, Viteld and son Andrew, Toronto, Ariel-Israel in Canada since 1950.

2. FISCHBEIN, Murray, born in Kotiuzhany, Russia, last heard from in 1970 when he resided at 153 McPherson Avenue, Toronto, wife — Raua, sister Polina Markovna Fischbein, Kishiniov, is looking for him.

3. SANNICOV, William, born in Ragatchov, Russia, in 1887, in Canada since 1907, wife Mary, nee Afron, daughter Sara returned to Russia and stayed with his brother, Abraham, and Sara Afron is looking for her father presumably a resident of Hamilton or Toronto.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – AUGUST, 1976

1. VINIK, Sara, born in Tchernigov in 1878, daughter of Aizik, in Canada since 1905, husband was a tobacco factory owner, had a son Nusyn and daughters Golda and Rukhl, sought by Liza Levin, now in Israel.

3. KHERSONSKY, Mikle [Michael Khanany], left Russia in 1972 for Israel and then for Canada via Italy, sought by friend Boris Kogan, now in Brooklyn.

4. STEINBERG, David and Celia, last known address in Toronto, 101 Markham Street, Celia's maiden name Yalonetsky, came from Kisnitza, Russia, in 1922, 75, had two daughters, sought by cousin, Beverley Fields, Chomedey, Quebec.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – SEPTEMBER, 1976

2. MELITSEV, Solomon, born in the village of Bludnitsa, District of Gomel, White Russia, presumably had children Ziama, Rebecca, Nohim and Zlata as well as other relatives — had a business in Montreal under the name of "Miller Brothers", sought by the Tchernyavsky family of Moscow.

4. PECHEK [Pechkova], Ema, born in Czechoslovakia in 1945, in Prague to September, 1968, single, emigrated to Canada in 1968 or 1969.

KAREL, Petr, computer programmer, born in Czechoslovakia in 1943, lived in Prague until 1968 and emigrated to Canada in 1968, married has one child — both persons sought by Fencl Zdenek, Bedford, USA.

— SEPTEMBER, 1976 (cont'd)

5. KAMINSKY, Hershel, born in Dashev, Russia, had two sons, last heard from in Canada in 1941, sought by Menashe Kaminsky.

8. SHERES, Fruma-Elke and Zalman, sought by Michael Leibelman, his nephew.

10. GUY [Gay], Hannoch [Enoch], in Canada from Israel since July, 1976, sought by I. Segal, Montreal.

11. SBOROVSKI, Leon and Chana — also known as "SKI", have children named Jacob, David, Nunya, Betty and Faigel, sought by Sofia Polyak, daughter of Aron Fishman, 65, cousin, residing in Fort Worth, Texas.

12a DINABURG, Haim, in Canada since 1905, 87, born in Borisov, Russia, son of Israel and Reva, nee Spunt, sought by nephew, Boris Juskin, engineer, son of Hackel and Meera, nee Dinaburg, Rome, Italy.

14. KLIGMAN, Isaak, married, tailor, last known residence was Montreal, son of Yankel, has a brother, Abram, sought by niece, Raisa Kelman, Russia. Abram Kligman is a resident of Canada since 1917.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – OCTOBER, 1976

1. KEYFETZ, Ester, 87, sought by Stephen Glassman, Baltimore, son of Lionel and Lucille, nee Pivnick, Ester is the daughter of Nikolai, presumably a resident of Toronto.

2. GERMAN, Mikhail, born in Tchernovitz, 21, in Canada since 1973, brother of Roman, sought by friend, Bella Shmulevitz, now in Israel.

3. KNAP, Hershel, in Canada since 1936, born in Lodz, Poland, over 80, has sons Wasia and Alex, daughters Zelda and Gita and wife's name is Nasure, sought by relative, Inda Feldman, nee Lipshitz, daughter of Matla, 76, residing in Israel.

4. BEREZOVKA, Chlema, born in Khlemovoe, son of David, in Canada since 1914, daughter — Pessia, 71 and **SOUKHAREV, Moishe,** son of Alter, has sons Ari, 72 and Meir, 68, in Canada since 1914, sought by Klara Frayer, nee Soukhareva, born in Odessa, daughter of Abram, Odessa.

5. STEIN, first name unknown, from Czechoslovakia, sought by Vigdor Notiz, brother of Mothe, friends of person sought, residing presumably in Hamilton, Ontario, inquirer resides in Trinidad.

9. SHTULMAN, Rachel [Rochelle Stulman], last known address — Windley Ave., Toronto, sought by cousin — Munya Shtulman, son of Abram, now in Baltimore, USA — Rachel is the daughter of Moses and Ita.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – NOVEMBER, 1976

1. SHERES, Salman, son of Nuchim and Reisa, nee Kocher, brother of Frume, Yosif and Reisa, sought by nephew, Mikhail Leibelman, son of Efim and Tzilia, nee Sheres, Toronto. Person sought somewhere in Canada.

2. GAYSINSKY, Moishe and Yankel, sons of Leib, left Russia for Canada in 1905, has a niece, Teibel Shapiro, nee Gaysinsky, sought by Gregory Shapiro, son of Teibel (Tania) and Moishe, now in Winnipeg.

7. PRIVIS, Eugeny and Zhana, son — Gennady and daughter — Polina, presumably in Toronto, sought by friends — Suzanne Kreposter, Montreal.

10. BORNS, David, men's tailor, wife Ghitel, nee Orenstein, last known address 1499 Alexander St., Montreal, sought by daughter — Bassia Gothilf of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

11. RAUS-SULTAN, Isaak, presumably a resident of Toronto, son of Jehuda and Mercedes, sought by niece, Rachel Bendayan, nee Raus, daughter of Moshe and Mercedes, now in Israel.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – DECEMBER, 1976

1. GRINGRAS, Bernard, born in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland, 58, maiden name of mother Leventarska, in Canada since 1952, residing presumably in Toronto or Montreal.

2. BROT, Katy [Katalin], in Canada since 1967, born in Hungary, 40, sought by friend, Illona-Maria Naveh-Friedman, daughter of Gyula and Sara, now in Israel.

5. LIBERMAN, Chaim, son of Sryl and Rivka, brother of Shulim, born in Kapela, Russia, over 70, sought by niece, Olga Lobachevsky, nee Liberman, daughter of Shulim, residing in Providence, R.I. — Chaim resides somewhere in Canada.

6. LOWY, a resident of Montreal, **first name unknown,** sought by friend, Micha Halaj, of Bardejov, Czechoslovakia. Mr. Lowy is a prominent member of the Montreal Jewish community being a member of many organizations and synagogues.

8. KATZMAN, Hona, nee Leibovitch, in Toronto or Montreal since 1933, born in Mogiliov, White Russia, 57, daughter of Vera Glikuma Leibovitch, cousin of Aron Tomchinsky, economist, presently in Rome, Italy.

9. SOKOLSKY, Rebecca and sons Abram and Yakov, born in Volkovysk, sought by sister-in-law and aunt, Lila Sokolsky, last heard from in 1933. Persons sought may be residents of either Toronto or Montreal.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – FEBRUARY, 1977

1. PETERMAN, Morris, son of David 43, Russian, in Toronto since 1960, sought by David Borkin of Riga, Latvia.

2. PORTYANSKY, Boris, born in Russia, 59, son of Naum, wife — Polina, daughter — Irina, in Canada since 1976, residing in Ottawa, sought by friends, Evgeni Varshavsky, Woodside, New York.

— FEBRUARY, 1977 (cont'd)

5. JACOBSON, Samuel [Sam], born in St. John, N.B., 72, resided on Main St., sought by Mrs. Jennie Newman, Halifax. Person sought presumably in Toronto now.

6. GREENBERG, Enta, last known address, 24 Marbury Cres., Don Mills, Ont., born in the Ukraine, 79, son of Shloma, sought by nephew Monik Bakalov, Brooklyn, born in Odessa, 50, wife — Lea.

7. DAYAN, Aboud, Alice, Mary, David and Henry, sought by daughter and sister, Renee Rousseau, nee Dayan, residing in Cairo, Egypt. Persons sought are presumably residents of Canada.

9. WAKSER, Peretz, in Canada since 1917, son of Bentzion, brother of Ruvin, sought by niece, Ester Bekker, nee Wakser, daughter of Berko, now in Israel.

10. PERLMUTER, Sarra, born in Balta, Ukraine, 61, daughter of Gersh, wife of Gersh, residing somewhere in Canada, sought by cousin, Khana Rachkovskaya, daughter of Itzek, Odessa.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – MARCH, 1977

1. ROSENZWEIG, Motel, Schmuel, Gersch, Idel-Uta, born in Ostropol, Russia, children of Getzye and Gitel, nee Wexler, sisters Tanya and Manya, presumably moved from the U.S. to Canada, sought by cousin, Uri Zemlyak, son of Israel and Sara, nee Wexler, Los Angeles. Tanya lives in Toronto.

3. KOLOMITSKAYA, Annika, nee Guilik, born in Kishiniov, Sept. 27, 1926, daughter of Aaron, emigrated from Belgium to Toronto, sought by aunt, Etia Golovitskaya, daughter of Abram, Odessa.

5. VOSK, Yosif [Voskobolnikov], born in Vradievka, Russia, wife — Malka, sister — Dora, in Canada presumably since 1924, sought by relative Genia Rabich, Los Angeles.

6. HARTOG, Adolf and Robert, in Toronto from Versailles, France, born in Holland, sought by friend, Jande Groot, born in Amsterdam, professor at University of Montreal.

7. GOLDBERG, Chanah, nee Markovits, daughter of Yitzchak and Freida, sought by brother, Pinchas Markovits now in Israel who believes his sister lives in Toronto.

8. GORELIK, Sophia, born in Moscow, 21, sought by cousin, Maya Tsigelman, Toronto.

9. JELIN, Deborah, presumably a resident of Toronto, sought by foster brother Max Kirk (Mordche Kruk), pattern cutter, son of Zalme and Golde Kruk, nee Schoenfeld, St. Louis, Mo., USA.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – APRIL, 1977

4. WEINTRAUB, Iancu, presumably a resident of Montreal, 77, born in Horodniceni, Suceava, Romania, brother of Avram, Yetti Ringelstein, of Toronto, and Heinic, sought by niece, Etty Ringelstein, nee Weintraub, daughter of Heinic and Ernestina, nee Sandbank, has a daughter Hadassah Ioszef, 46.

5. GUTMAN or GUTNIK, Pesya, in Toronto or Montreal since 1920 or 1928, born in Gomel, White Russia, 77, sought by cousin, Anna Gukailo, nee Blinchevskaya, daughter of Itsko, 64, husband — Lev, presently residing on Staten Island, New York.

6. KRASNOV, Naum, born in Leningrad, 45, son of Semion and Sonya, nee Litvin, in Canada since 1975, sought by friend, Isaak Gruzman, now in Israel.

8. MILSHTEIN, Dorota, married, in Canada since 1948, born in Czenstochow, Poland, cook, 60, sought by cousin, Isaac Milshtein, designer, son of Leib, mother's maiden name Hershkovich, believes Dorota is in Canada and he lives in Brighton, Mass. USA.

9. OLSHANSKI, Nuhim, in either Toronto or Montreal, son of Itzik and Nehama, born in Kishiniov, Bessarabia, 77, in Canada since 1915, sought by nephew, Shika Olshanski, son of Motel, mother's maiden name Raigorodzkaya, now in Israel.

RELATIVES SOUGHT – MAY, 1977

1. SHAER [Schereshewsky], Helene, nee Lindner, presumably a resident of Toronto or Montreal, in Canada since 1930, daughter of Pinchus, 80, husband's name not known, son — Frederick and daughter — Liliane, sought by sister, Bronia Ostrowiak, nee Lindner, residing in Paris, France.

2. GERGERT, Emilia, in Canada since 1927, sister of Maria and Sara, daughter of Andrei, sought by cousin — Sara Gergert, daughter of Alexander, born in Russia, 67, residing in Tchernovitz.

4. KESSEL, Anita or Anette (married surname unknown), husband — Howard, has two children, sought by cousin — Ben Chimes, daughter of Israel Max Chaimowitz and Ida-Eva, nee Schwartz, has brothers — Solly, Harold, Manfred and Human-Lionel, residing in South Africa.

6. LEWIS, Isaac, last known address King St., Hamilton, Ont., tailor, born in Leeds, England, sought by cousin, Martin Moss, son of Ralph, mother's maiden name Dobzik, person sought in Canada 60 years.

8. ZAICHIK, Helen, married name unknown, in Canada since 1924, may be in Toronto or Montreal, daughter of Avrum and Hanna, sister — Liza, sought by cousin, Henry Rubinshtain, born in Warsaw, Poland, son of Gregory.

10. SKURATOVSKY, Jack [Jacob], also known as **Jankel Melrovich,** in Toronto, born in Beizimovka, civil engineer and factory owner, married, sought by nephew — Jacob Skuratovsky, son of Motel and Toiva, now residing in New Jersey, USA.

11. MANDL, Alberg, last known address Huron St., Toronto, married, has brothers — Herman and David and sisters — Mali, Erna and Mathilda, sought by cousin, Aurelia Markstein, nee Appel, daughter of Eliyahu, in Canada since 1974, residing in Hamilton, Ont.